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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Local Letter Carriers to Kickoff 16<sup>th</sup> Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER Food Drive

### *Press Conference set for Wednesday, April 30th*

**WHO:** Postmasters and letter carriers from Raleigh and Durham

**WHAT:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER Press Conference

Local members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and National Rural Letter Carriers Association in conjunction with the United States Postal Service will kick off their 2008 STAMP OUT HUNGER Food Drive from Raleigh, the Capitol City. Local food donations benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Creekside Post Office  
3004 Industrial Drive, Raleigh  
919-839-1047

### **WHY:**

- According to the most recent ***US Census 2006 Annual Total Population Estimates***, in our 34-county service area, there are now nearly 450,000 (up from 400,000) individuals who are not able to access adequate food resources and the need continues to grow.
- More than 149,000 are children (up from 120,000).
- Another 42,000 are elderly.
- The most recent data obtained from the ***US Census 2006 Annual Total Population Estimates*** reflects more than 250,000 individuals 18 to 64 live at or below the poverty level. Many being hardworking parents who are having difficulty making ends meet.

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**Invited speakers:**

City of Raleigh Representative

Howard Sample  
Raleigh Postmaster

Glenn Webster  
City Letter Carrier and Food Drive Coordinator (Raleigh)

Barbara Smith  
Rural Letter Carriers (Raleigh)

City of Durham Representative

Chris Tinkham  
Durham Postmaster

Sam Stewart  
City Letter Carrier and Food Drive Coordinator (Durham)

Tonia Manzulich  
Rural Letter Carriers (Durham)

Peter Werbicki  
President and CEO  
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

Joni Craven-Jeffries  
Homework Haven  
Kids Cafe After school Program

**Photo Opportunities:**

Press Conference will be held on work floor for final visual of more than 100 letter carriers.

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**About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**

*The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that provides food for people who are hungry in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 890 partner agencies offering soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2006 - 2007, the Food Bank distributed more than 32.6 million pounds of food and non-food essentials to these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 400,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org)*