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## **FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA HOLDS FUEL DRIVE**

(Raleigh, NC) The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is holding a Fuel Drive during the month of August to raise funds to keep its trucks on the road. The recent spike in fuel costs has severely affected the vital food deliveries that the Food Bank makes to partner agencies in their 34 county service territory. With the increase in fuel, the Food Bank spends over \$25,000 monthly on diesel fuel: a 61% increase over 2007-2008.

Food Bank trucks routinely deliver to over 200 partner agencies in rural locations. These agencies do not have the fuel resources to pick up food; so deliveries are critical to provide food to those suffering from hunger in our remote communities. The Food Bank service territory is roughly 19,000 square miles, about the size of Switzerland, and a fleet of 22 trucks cover over 1,500 miles per day on average.

Please see [www.foodbankcenc.org/FuelDrive](http://www.foodbankcenc.org/FuelDrive) for more information about how you can help.

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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 900 partner agencies offering soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2007 - 2008, the Food Bank distributed more than 32 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 450,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org)*