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Community: Scott Walker is Back to Fighting

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Scott Walker at the Food Bank

Was it just me or did anyone else think that [Scott Walker](#) was going to find a way to fight with a cast on last Thursday against the Caps? Well, this Saturday he did drop the gloves...only this time he was helping fight hunger.

Scott, and his wife Julie, son Cooper and daughter Anna joined us at Raleigh's main branch of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The Walkers helped present the Food Bank with a grant from the Carolina Hurricanes Kids 'N Community Foundation. They also hung around to help out with Kids Day, the program currently funded by the Kids 'N Community Foundation.



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We took a brief tour of the facility as a group and then began our "project" for the day. There were about 40 people total in our group and our goal was to take food in general donation boxes and break them into canned food, dry goods, health products and other. These boxes were then taped-up and prepared for delivery as food does not stay at the Food Bank long (we were informed that all of the food from the State Fair's "Can Day" has already been distributed).

Scott said that on the way over to the Food Bank he was explaining to his two kids the importance of something like the Food Bank. He said his kids were not familiar with the idea of missing a meal as they replied "but we have plenty of food." Scott said that this gave him a terrific opportunity to talk to his young kids about how lucky they are and that other families do not have that luxury.

This message must have resonated well with the Walker children as they both took our project very seriously. I accidentally placed a liquid item in the dry good box and Cooper Walker quickly pointed out my mistake.

This genuine interest and goodwill was something that I witnessed from all the kids in attendance that day. Everyone truly enjoyed the opportunity to help out. And you could tell that it gave each parent an outlet to have that important conversation about the importance of donating time and goods. Thanks to the families from Fidelity Investment who allowed us to work-in on their Kids Day session.



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On a side note...for those of you, like me, who love the way [Scott Walker](#) plays hockey...he said that without a cast the gloves would have dropped Wednesday.

Other Check Deliveries

Coach Laviolette was the keynote speaker at Monday's Boys and Girls Club breakfast held here at the RBC Center. The breakfast, called the "Breakfast of Champions," featured the induction of three people in the Boys and Girls Club's Hall of Fame. Congrats to long-time fundraisers Thad Woodard and Smedes York. However, it was inductee LeVelle Moton who inspired the entire crowd with his personal story of overcoming obstacles to become an assistant coach at NCCU.

Coach did a great job as always as he reminded us that the most important thing in life is not wins or Stanley Cups, but it is family and friends. Coach finished his speech by presenting our Foundation check to Boys and Girls Club President Ralph Capps.

Tuesday morning [Chad LaRose](#) will get in on the action as he will present the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle with their grant check for this year. Another breakfast conveniently located at the RBC Center, Chad will attend with me and present the check as a challenge for everyone else in the audience.



Matt Cullen PSA

[Matt Cullen](#) filmed a Public Service



Announcement today for our local D.A.R.E. chapters. It worked as most schools were closed today allowing a few D.A.R.E students to participate in the PSA. There will also be a "DARE" night at a Canes game in March. I am sure you will see the finished product before then, but attached is a photo from the shoot today.

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