

"NC Restaurants Feeding Kids"

PARTNERSHIP PROFILE: FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA



The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina (FBCENC) serves 34 counties. They serve as a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsor and stepped in to help serve meals during COVID-19 school closures in many of the 34 counties they serve. The [NC Department of Public Instruction](#) and the [Carolina Hunger Initiative](#) announced the "NC Restaurants Feeding Kids Initiative" to help encourage restaurants to partner with SFSP operators in early April.



Partnership Overview

FBCENC distributes lunches Monday-Friday, with most of their meal sites receiving cold/frozen meals for the weekend so that children get meals for all seven days of the week. The number of sites that they operate at one time has varied during the school closures. However, they have operated up to 51 sites as of May 15. Except for Golden Corral where sites pick up meals from the restaurants, all of their restaurant and catering partners deliver meals directly to the meal sites. Meals are distributed to children using a grab n' go model. The restaurant and catering partners serve as vendors to FBCENC under SFSP and are reimbursed for the meals they prepare.

FBCENC identified their current restaurant and catering partners by utilizing partners they have worked with in the past, using the restaurant list provided by the NC Department of Public Instruction, and a list they collected from their sites and partners. They have worked with Three Catering Company, K&W Cafeteria, and Food Lady since 2017; Golden Corral and Spicy Green since 2018; and recently began working with another Golden Corral (Sanford, NC) after seeing it on the list from the NC Department of Public Instruction and the Carolina Hunger Initiative.



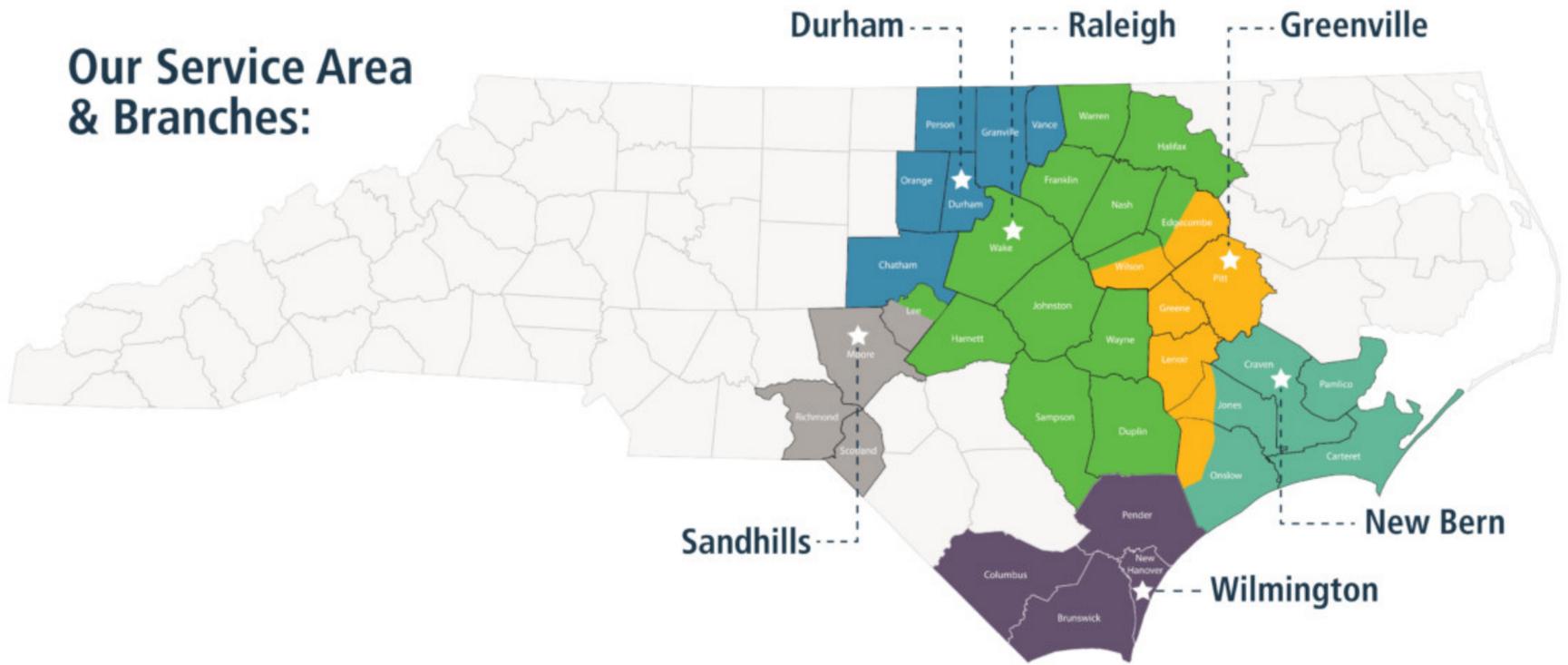
Benefits for FBCENC

One of the benefits of the partnerships for FBCENC is that they do not need to procure food items for the meals through their warehouse. The items they would need are on delayed shipment and/or have limited availability. Through the partnerships, they are also able to provide children with fresh hot or cold meals rather than shelf stable foods.



Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC

Our Service Area & Branches:



Restaurants Partners and Counties Served:



Wake and Chatham



Wayne, Pitt, Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico



Person, Vance, Durham, and Johnston



Edgecombe, Wayne, Duplin, and Wilson



Lee and Johnston



MARCH 30 - APRIL 2020

43,857

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED



MARCH 30 - APRIL 2020

1,465

ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS/CHILDREN SERVED PER DAY



FBCENC team believes that a major benefit of partnering with local restaurants and caterers as vendors is that children are able to get meals while school is closed from local vendors that they may already be familiar with.



Benefits for Restaurants and Caterers

One of the benefits of the partnerships for FBCENC is that they do not need to procure through their warehouse for food items for the free meals for children. The items they would need are on delayed shipment and/or have limited availability. Through the partnerships, they are also able to provide children with fresh hot or cold meals rather than shelf stable foods.



Source Links
<https://foodbankcenc.org/>
<https://www.carolinahungerinitiative.org/>