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TEFAP Distribution Benefits Hungry in NH County

Elizabeth City- Food insecure residents in Northampton County will have access to additional food starting June 24th. Food Bank of the Albemarle will be distributing TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) canned and dry goods through their mobile food pantry program at two sites, and marks the first time the Food Bank is distributing TEFAP in Northampton County.

“The addition of TEFAP to these mobile distributions in Northampton will provide much-needed additional resources to food insecure individuals and families,” said Liz Reasoner, Executive Director of Food Bank of the Albemarle. “Through this program, the Food Bank will distribute TEFAP for 275 households, and we are incredibly excited to be able to provide this additional food to Northampton County.”

According the latest data from Feeding America’s “Map the Meal Gap”, an annual assessment of hunger nationwide, Northampton County is home to 4,680 food insecure people which is an incredible 23% of the county population.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. Through TEFAP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchases a variety of nutritious, high-quality USDA Foods, and makes those foods available to Food Bank of the Albemarle and other State Distributing Agencies. TEFAP is administered at the federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service, an agency of the USDA. Individuals can qualify for the program based on the income guidelines provided by USDA.

The next mobile distributions, including TEFAP, will be held on Monday, June 24 at the following locations:

Northampton (CADA) Mobile Food Pantry
Choanoke Area Development Association
Start time: 12:00 PM
End time: 1:00 PM
Location: 120 Sessoms Drive
Rich Square, NC 27869

Jackson Mobile Food Pantry

Jackson United Methodist Church
Start time: 3:45 PM
End time: 4:45 PM
Location: 206 Thomas Bragg Drive
Jackson, NC 27845

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