



Raleigh Coin Club

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Raleigh Coin Club to Host Food Drive to Benefit Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Raleigh Coin Club (RCC) is joining with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina to collect non-perishable food and related items for those in need throughout its coverage area. The food drive will be an important component of the club's upcoming 44th annual Raleigh Money Expo™, to be held June 2-4 at the Exposition Center on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

The Raleigh Money Expo™ is the largest coin, currency and stamp show in the Carolinas, featuring 165 dealer tables offering a diverse selection of US and World coins and currency, along with a large variety of tokens, medals, collecting supplies and new and collectible books. A special section devoted to US and World stamps, covers and postal stationery is also part of the event. The Expo offers something for almost every coin and stamp collector.

One objective of the RCC's mission is to support its local community. The RCC regularly offers educational outreach programs in money collecting, but wished to once again extend its efforts beyond its numismatic base at this year's Expo and help those in the community who are at risk for hunger. It hopes the food drive will be strongly supported by those attending the show and has set up an incentive program to give the drive every chance of success.

Everyone bringing a Food Bank donation to the Raleigh Money Expo™ will have a chance to win one of several daily silver coin prizes.

The RCC will accept non-perishable food products, sealed beverages and non-food essentials such as hygiene items, cleaning items and paper products.

The most needed items include:

- Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Meat and Soup (*Pop-top cans and low sodium a plus!*)
- Whole Grain Pasta, Brown Rice, Dried Beans and Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- *For Infants**: Formula, Infant Cereal, Diapers and Wipes

- *For Kids:* Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Crackers, Popcorn and Sugar-Free Pudding Cups
- Non-Food Essentials: Hygiene Items, Household Items and Paper Products

** Please - No loose glass or plastic jars of baby food as they will have to be discarded due to health regulations.*

Cash donations will also be accepted.

Collectors seeking more information about the show, including updates regarding the Food Drive, should visit www.RaleighCoinClub.org.

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About the Raleigh Coin Club

The Raleigh Coin Club is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to collect and study money and related items; it was organized in 1954. The club meets at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Ridge Road Baptist Church on Ridge Road in Raleigh.

About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina for more than 30 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and programs for children and adults through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines) and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Food Bank distributed 64.4 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies. They also provided over 869,000 meals to children through its *Kids Meals & More* program. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 600,000 struggle access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. For more, visit www.foodbankcenc.org.

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