

## Pender County is expanding its “Food for Families” Program

### News Release

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Wilmington, N.C. (June 17, 2016) - United Way of the Cape Fear Area received the Ribbon of Hope grant from North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation to address nutrition and expand the “Food for Families” program. United Way of the Cape Fear Area collaborated with Pender County Christian Services (PCCS) and Burgaw Elementary to address gaps in services in the United Way of the Cape Fear Area service area. This grant will help by allowing residents of Pender County increased access to healthy foods and nutrition education.

According to Sandra Harris, President of PCCS “The collaboration between United Way of the Cape Fear Area, PCCS and Burgaw Elementary sets a strong precedent for future endeavors to enhance the lives of children and families in our community that are in need of assistance.” Hot meals, non-perishables food items, and nutrition education go a long way to help build healthier lives.

[United Way of the Cape Fear Area](#) is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, and mobilizes resources to empower local people working toward leading self-sufficient, healthy lives. PCCS’s main purpose is to provide emergency food supplies and clothing to residents in need. They began collaborating with Burgaw Elementary School’s backpack program in 2011 in an effort to meet the direct needs of students on a weekly basis. The program sends non-perishable food items home each Friday with students identified as food insecure.

The [North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation](#) is an independent self-funding 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting activities that help meet the educational and health needs of today's society and future generations. Since its creation, the foundation has granted \$68.9 million to support North Carolina projects and programs that emphasize the understanding and application of science, health and education at all academic and professional levels.

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