



Junior Women's Association
Greenville, N.C.

Junior Women's Association Presents \$5,500 Check to Food Bank

On June 17, 2011 the Junior Women's Association (JWA) presented a \$5,500 check to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The money will be applied to the Food Bank's KIDS SUMMER STOCK campaign. KIDS SUMMER STOCK is a community wide-food and funds drive to provide additional food needed to support those children who are accustomed to receiving the free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs at school (over 13,000 children in Pitt County). For them, no school means no meals.

The six-week campaign is held from June 2nd to July 15th and will help to fill the empty shelves in the Food Bank's warehouses enabling the Food Bank to meet the increased community need. Overall, the KIDS SUMMER STOCK campaign has provided more than 4 million meals to children and their families during the past three summers.

In May, participants of JWA held a Touch-A-Truck event, allowing kids of all ages to climb on emergency vehicles, construction equipment, and rigs of all sizes. The check presented to the Food Bank reflected half of the profits made from their spring event.

About Junior Women's Association

JWA is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Aside from the Food Bank, JWA selected three other nonprofit organizations to provide volunteerism and donations for their inaugural year:

- Boys & Girls Club of Pitt County
- the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina
- Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County

With more than 150 members in the inaugural year, their impact has been endless. Through the past year, JWA members have already prepared dinners for Ronald McDonald families and created several crafts during Craft Nights, assisted with siding and soffit for Habitat for Humanity homes, provided hundreds of hours at the Food Bank organizing food supplies in the warehouse, and participated in nearly a hundred hours at the Boys & Girls Club tutoring and organizing activities, such as carnival games, face painting, Bingo, and a program targeted to females.

JWA is always seeking volunteer opportunities. If you are someone in the community that could benefit from JWA volunteering, please contact jwagreenville@gmail.com.