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News Release

Surplus Food Available at Loaves and Fishes

March 2, 2012, Monroe, NC – The Union County Department of Social Services has partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina to distribute USDA commodity food to Loaves and Fishes in Monroe.

In the past, DSS distributed USDA commodity food on a quarterly basis. Due to the overwhelming need for food for families in Union County, the wait for commodity food increased to the point where families had to stand in line for hours to receive food each quarter; many times lines began to form as early as 9 p.m. the night before a distribution.

“Volunteers have worked extremely hard to help meet the demands of the citizens in our communities and distributed food to more than 46,000 families during the past ten years,” said DSS Volunteer Services Coordinator Gloria Haney. “In order to continue feeding the families in the most effective manner, Loaves and Fishes will now distribute food to the public and families will no longer need to rush to stand in line in order to receive food.”

Food is distributed at Loaves and Fishes at 202 Stewart Street in Monroe on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, call 980-328-7111.

If you have an established food pantry and would like to consider adding USDA commodity food for distribution to families in your area, please contact Gloria Haney at 704-296-4312.

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