

## Round Up! for PORCH's Fresh Food Programs



November 2022 - January 2023



Every \$30 donated buys 40 pounds of fresh produce

- **PORCH Raleigh's newly launched Food for Families program** provides biweekly distributions of fresh vegetables, fruit, dairy, and meat as well as non-perishables to food-insecure families at Ligon Middle School.
- **PORCH Hillsborough Fresh Food program** provides a box of fresh vegetables, fruit, and eggs each month to more than 150 Orange County Schools families identified as food insecure by school social workers.
- **PORCH Chapel Hill-Carrboro's Food for Families program** provides more than 500 families with a monthly distribution of fresh produce, eggs, milk, chicken, bag of non-perishables, and grocery gift cards.



**PORCH Chapel Hill-Carrboro's fresh Food for Families program serves 2,150 individuals, including 1,250 children.** The families receive fresh food, non-perishables, and grocery gift cards. The gift cards give families the ability to purchase needed and preferred foods, as well as household items not typically covered by SNAP or WIC. The non-perishable products are donated through monthly PORCH neighborhood food drives. In 2021, to meet the increased need for their services, PORCH provided a record amount of hunger relief—\$823,874 in fresh food, non-perishable food, and grocery gift card support.

**PORCH Hillsborough is a dynamic community of volunteers committed to fighting hunger in northern Orange County.** In partnership with Weaver Street Market, PORCH Hillsborough provides a box of fresh produce and eggs each month to more than 150 Orange County Schools families identified as food insecure by school social workers. This initiative combines PORCH Fresh and Food for Pantries, two of the organization's six core programs; the other four supplement snacks in public schools and Head Start, distribute food in underserved neighborhoods, support community gardens, and provide emergency relief.

**PORCH Raleigh joins our round up program as a first-time recipient.** Recipients of the newly launched Food for Families program receive boxes of fresh produce, dairy, and meat as well as boxes of non-perishables collected through monthly PORCH neighborhood food drives. PORCH Raleigh is planning for strategic growth of the program in collaboration with NCPTA, Wake County Public Schools, and Wake County officials. Since 2013, PORCH Raleigh has provided food and resources for food insecure families served through multiple partner organizations in Wake County, including Backpack Buddies, school food pantries, and community pantries.