



## FACT SHEET

### Hunger and Homelessness in Wake County...

- There are 88,487 individuals living in poverty who cannot afford food
  - ◇ 21,577 of those individuals are children
- About 1,200 people living in Wake County are homeless
  - ◇ About 78,000 individuals in Wake County are in unstable living conditions and at risk of becoming homeless
  - ◇ Substance abuse, lack of affordable housing and mental health problems are leading causes of homelessness
  - ◇ An estimated 123,000 individuals are uninsured
- There is a gap of at least 25,000 affordable housing units in Wake County

### Serving homeless neighbors at Raleigh Rescue Mission...

- A hot meal and a place to sleep offer the opportunity to restore broken lives
  - ◇ We provide food and shelter 365 days a year
  - ◇ We serve over 1,500 meals each week
  - ◇ 105 men, women and children sleep safely each night
- We offer emergency overnight services, long-term shelter, recovery and respite services, meals, clothing, Christian counseling, medical care, preschool services and educational, computer and life-skill classes.
  - ◇ 6,895 hours spent in computer and educational classes last year
- We provide near-homeless individuals and families in the community with holiday meals, blankets and coats during the winter.
  - ◇ 921 blankets and coats provided last winter

