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Fidelity Bank Supports Fairgrove Family Resource Center *Bank donates more than 1,000 Food Items to Local Charity*

FUQUAY-VARINA, North Carolina (June 9, 2009) – The Fidelity Bank in Thomasville partnered with seven local businesses to collect 100 or more food items to benefit the Fairgrove Family Resource Center during the month of May. More than 1,018 food items were collected and given to the center on June 1.

Fidelity Bank is celebrating its centennial anniversary during 2009. As part of the celebration, each branch is hosting a charity drive to benefit a local organization in their community, with a goal of collecting 100 items.

Fidelity Bank was conceived on June 16, 1909, when a group of local businessmen came together to create a financial institution to serve the growing town of Fuquay Springs, North Carolina. The Bank of Fuquay opened for business on August 10 in a one-room office. On June 1, 1970, The Bank of Fuquay and the Bank of Biscoe merged and changed its name to “The Fidelity Bank”. By combining the financial and human resources of the two small banks, automation of services and expansion into new communities became possible, as well as increased lending ability. The new Fidelity Bank served a diverse group of businesses, both agricultural and industrial, and its financial stability was strengthened.

Today, Fidelity Bank serves 26 counties in North Carolina and three locations in Virginia. Fidelity Bank's mission is to be the independent, sound and profitable bank that businesses and families come to first – and bank with for life. Recently awarded a five star (superior) rating from Bauer Financial, Fidelity looks toward the future by continuing their exceptional customer service and fulfilling lending and deposit needs to its customers and supporting the communities they serve.

Fidelity Bank is a full-service financial institution with approximate assets of \$1.4 billion headquartered in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. The Bank owns and operates 69 branches in 26 counties throughout North Carolina and Virginia. For more information, please visit www.fidelitybanknc.com.

Rated 5-Stars by BauerFinancial

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