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Raleigh Coin Club to Host Food Drive to Benefit Western Wake Crisis Ministry at Annual Raleigh Money ExpoTM

The Raleigh Coin Club (RCC) is joining with the Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) to collect non-perishable food and related items for needy families in the community. The food drive will be an important component of the club's upcoming 42nd annual Raleigh Money ExpoTM, to be held June 26-28 at the Exposition Center on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

The WWMC provides a "Food Choice" pantry service for local residents experiencing food insecurity. It also offers nutrition education, financial assistance and referral services.

The Raleigh Money Expo™ is the largest coin, currency and stamp show in the Carolinas, featuring 160 dealer tables offering a wide selection of US and World coins and currency, along with a large variety of tokens, medals, collecting supplies and new and collectible books. A special section devoted to US and World stamps, covers and postal stationery will also be available. The show also features a "Kid's Zone" which offers games and activities for young collectors and includes free coin prizes. The show is open to the public and free to attend; parking is also free.

One objective of the coin club's mission is to support its local community. The RCC regularly offers educational outreach programs in money collecting, but also reaches beyond its collecting focus to help those in the community who are in need of assistance. It hopes the food drive will be strongly supported by those attending the show and has worked with the WWMC to set up an incentive program to give the drive every chance of success.

Everyone donating a non-perishable item, or making a monetary donation, at the Raleigh Money ExpoTM will be eligible to win a prize donated by a local merchant who also supports the mission of the WWCM's food pantry and associated services.

The RCC and WWMC will accept non-perishable food products, sealed beverages and non-food essentials such as hygiene items, cleaning items or paper products.

The most needed items include:

- Canned Fruits, Vegetables and Soup
- Canned Tuna and Canned Meats
- Pasta, Rice, Dried Beans and Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- For Infants*: Formula, Infant Cereal, Diapers, and Wipes
- For Kids: Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Crackers, Popcorn and Sugar-Free Pudding Cups
- Non-Food Essentials: Hygiene Items, Household Items and Paper Products

Cash donations will also be accepted.

Collectors seeking more information about the show, including updates regarding the Food Drive, should visit www.RaleighCoinClub.org.

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About the Raleigh Coin Club

The Raleigh Coin Club is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to collect and study money and related items; it was organized in 1954. The club meets at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Ridge Road Baptist Church on Ridge Road in Raleigh.

About the Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Western Wake Crisis Ministry was established in 1983 by area churches and community members who were concerned about a few local families in need. It has grown to be an important outreach that serves over 200 families in the community each month. The WWMC provides a helping hand to residents who are having a temporary or long-term crisis that impacts their ability to provide for their basic needs. For more information, call 919-362-0657 or visit www.wwcm.org. .

^{*} Please - No loose glass or plastic jars of baby food as they will have to be discarded due to health regulations.