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Summit Held to Address Hunger in Wake County

One in seven Wake County residents struggles with hunger. With the county's population now exceeding one million people, that means more than 142,000 residents may not know where their next meal is coming from.

Leaders from across Wake County came together today to begin developing an action plan to address this problem at the Moving Beyond Hunger: Food Systems for Food Security Summit.

Hosted by the Capital Area Food Network in Raleigh, the summit brought together diverse voices, policy makers and food organizations from around the county to examine new ways to collaborate, share resources and implement strategies to ensure every Wake County resident has access to the food he or she needs.

"We are more effective when we work together, and today's summit served as a great step to unite the efforts of those who want to end hunger in Wake County," said Wake County Board of Commissioners Chairman James West. "I look forward to building upon the strategies discussed today to improve access to the affordable, nutritious food our residents need to live healthy lives."

Following the summit, organizers will create a report of the summit findings to share with local officials and summit participants. The findings will inform Wake County leaders as they work with the Capital Area Food Network to develop a comprehensive plan for food security.

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