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For Immediate Release:

Grant Benefits Local Food Bank

A local food bank will be able to purchase 25,000 pounds of food, thanks to a grant from the Albemarle Community Trust.

The \$5,000 grant was recently presented to Food Bank of the Albemarle. Typically, five pounds of food can be procured for every dollar donated. The food will be delivered to area food pantries. “We would like to thank all of the Albemarle EMC members who contribute to the Albemarle Community Trust through their power bills,” said Liz Reasoner, executive director of the food bank.

Initiated in 2001, the Albemarle Community Trust is funded by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation members who agree to have their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. The amounts by which the bills are rounded up are then put into the fund. The donations average \$6 per year per participating member.

A nine-member board awards the grants to nonprofit organizations as well as individuals. To apply for a grant, call Albemarle EMC at (252) 426-5735.

Albemarle EMC, based near Hertford, is a member-owned, nonprofit electrical co-op that serves more than 12,000 consumers. The service territory includes the counties of Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and a part of Currituck.

