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Greetings:

Senator Waddell attended meetings and events in District 40. The General Assembly is still working on preparing a balanced budget for North Carolina.

Joyce Waddell



Meal Preparation

Senator Waddell works in the kitchen at Hope Haven to prepare meals for those in need.

SNAP Crisis

Millions of Americans who rely on the federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program for food security are poised to miss their monthly benefits as the federal government shutdown continues with no end in sight.

A federal judge on Friday ordered the Trump administration to use the Agriculture Department's contingency funds, or pull from other savings, to pay out November benefits.

But even if the Trump administration swiftly complies and releases the cash, it will take state agencies several days to process payments and load them onto families' electronic benefit transfer cards. People who rely on food stamps will still have to wait for assistance, potentially without any other income available for buying groceries. In the absence of federal funding, states are racing to cover the gaps they can. But governors — primarily Democrats — have warned they have little discretionary money to close the gap. Some states are spending as little as a few million dollars to bolster food banks, while others are spending hundreds of millions to keep benefits flowing.

Read more: [SNAP, mapped: Which states will feel federal cuts the most:](#)

Here is a comprehensive look at what our state is doing to fill the void left by the shutdown:

North Carolina: Gov. Josh Stein (D) said the state will donate \$10 million to local food banks, supplemented by \$8 million from several foundations.

Need Food Assistance Immediately?

If you or your family are in urgent need, the following regional food banks and community partners can help connect you with meals