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Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive May 10, 2014

Nation's Largest One-day Effort to "Stamp Out Hunger"

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will be conducting the nation's largest food drive to combat hunger on Saturday, May 10 in all 50 states and jurisdictions. Non-perishable food donations such as canned meat and fish, soup, cereals, pasta and rice, can be placed in a bag near the mailbox before the carrier delivers the mail.

The food is taken back to the postal station, sorted, and then delivered to area food pantries, including; St. Joe's Food Program, Christ the Rock Church, and Salvation Army.

Hunger affects about 49 million people around the country, including millions of children and senior citizens. Pantry shelves filled up through winter-holiday generosity often are bare by late spring. And, with most school meal programs suspended during summer months, millions of children must find alternate sources of nutrition.

Celebrating its 22nd anniversary this year, the *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive is the largest single day food drive, having collected more than one billion pounds of food since its inception in 1993. Last year, letter carriers collected 74.4 million pounds of food donations along their postal routes. That brought the total to nearly 1.3 billion pounds for the food drive. Co-sponsors of the drive include the AFL-CIO Community Services network; Feeding America, United Way and Campbell Soup.

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