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25th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive May 13, 2017

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 13 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.

As they deliver mail, the nation's 175,000 letter carriers will collect donations left by residents near their mail boxes. They will be joined by retired letter carriers, family members and friends, and countless volunteers to help collect the sacks of non-perishable food items. Local United Way agencies often help branches coordinate distribution of food to local food banks, pantries and shelters. Countless NRLCA members volunteer their time to work with their brothers and sisters in the city carrier craft to help collect and distribute non-perishable food donations in the country's rural and underserved areas. AFL-CIO's community services liaisons work with field mobilization staff members, state federations and central labor councils (CLCs) to coordinate support and recruit volunteers.

Nearly 49 million Americans—1 in 6—are unsure where their next meal is coming from. This includes 13 million children as well as about 5 million seniors over age 60—many of whom live on fixed incomes and often are too embarrassed to ask for help.

Celebrating its 25th 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. This year's partners are the U.S. Postal Service, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA), the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), Valpak, United Way Worldwide, the AFL-CIO, the AARP Foundation and Valassis.

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