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Join Letter Carriers to ‘Stamp Out Hunger’ on May 14

Local letter carriers will join their counterparts across the country on Saturday, May 14 to collect donated food items as part of the annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the US Postal Service, will collect non-perishable food items along their postal routes to help families in need. Locally, letter carriers have been preparing to gather and then distribute this food to agencies prepared to help people living right here in our community.

The NALC National Food Drive is the largest annual one-day effort to combat hunger in the United States. Every year, millions of families, postal employees, letter carriers and volunteers do their part to provide millions of pounds of food to those most in need. Recent economic challenges make this more important than ever before and each individual’s support helps provide meals to families struggling to make ends meet.

This is the 19th year that local mail carriers have participated, collecting tens of thousands of pounds of food each year. All donations remain in our community and will be distributed to local food providers in southern Chautauqua County including Joint Neighborhood Project, Salvation Army and St. Susan's Center.

Those interested in participating are instructed to place the non-perishable food donation at your mailbox on Saturday, May 14 before your letter carrier arrives. Please do not include any glass containers or perishable items.

Once again this year the Campbell Soup Company and the U.S. Postal Service will jointly provide over 125-million postcards to be mailed to homes before the drive. Other co-sponsors of the event are Feeding America, the nation’s food bank network, United Ways, and the AFL-CIO.

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Representatives from local agencies are seeking donations as part of the upcoming Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 14. From L to R: Sue Colwell of St. Susan's Center, Barb Hungerford of Joint Neighborhood Project, Dana Pettinato NALC Food Drive Coordinator, and Major Richard Best of the Salvation Army.