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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Set for May 8

In a continuing effort to "Stamp Out Hunger," letter carriers around the area will be collecting donated food items on Saturday, May 8. The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the US Postal Service, will collect non-perishable food items along their postal routes to help families in need 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 on this day to provide millions of pounds of food to those most in need. Last year, carriers collected a record 73.4-million pounds of food nationwide.

This is the 18th year that local mail carriers have participated. Last year, they collected more than 15,000 pounds of food. All local 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.

To take part in the food drive, please place your donation at your mailbox on Saturday, May 8 before your letter carrier arrives. Please do not include any glass containers or perishable items. Your letter carrier will collect the food and see that it is weighed and distributed to local food pantries.

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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Photo Caption:

Please Fill Our Cart! Representatives for the upcoming Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive are asking for donations of non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 8. Shown (L-R) are: Patty Perlee of Joint Neighborhood Project, Nick Milette of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Sue Colwell of St. Susan's Center, and Major Richard Best of the Salvation Army.