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## News Release

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### LETTER CARRIERS' 26TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE SET FOR SAT., MAY 12 THROUGHOUT NATION

WASHINGTON – The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 26th annual national food drive on Saturday, May 12. The Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive, the country's largest single-day food drive, provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need in the community.

Customers simply leave their donation of non-perishable goods next to their mailbox before the delivery of the mail on Saturday, May 12. Letter carriers will collect these food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes and distribute them to local food agencies. People are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag—paper or plastic—containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, peanut butter, rice or cereal, next to their mailbox before the regular mail delivery on that Saturday.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's largest single-day food drive and is held annually on the second Saturday in May in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

With the economic struggles many Americans face, the Letter Carriers' Food Drive is as critical as ever. Not only do millions of Americans go hungry, organizations that help them are in need of replenishments. 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.

Letter carriers see these struggles in the communities they serve, and they believe it's important to do what they can to help. Last year 12 local pantries: Central United Methodist Church, Sault Middle School, Diane Pepler Resource Center, First Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church, Great Lakes Recovery Center, CLM Community Action Agency, St. Joseph Church, Salvation Army, Free Methodist Church, New Hope Church & Brimley Baptist Church received 5,086 pounds of food.

Several national partners are assisting the NALC in the food drive: 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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**E.U.P. PANTRIES TRADITIONALLY BENEFITING INCLUDE:**

**Additional Information:**

People who have questions about the drive in their area should ask their letter carrier, contact their local post office, or go to [nalc.org/food](http://nalc.org/food), [facebook.com/StampOutHunger](https://facebook.com/StampOutHunger) or [twitter.com/StampOutHunger](https://twitter.com/StampOutHunger).

*The 280,000-member National Association of Letter Carriers represents letter carriers across the country employed by the U.S. Postal Service, along with retired letter carriers. Founded by Civil War veterans in 1889, the NALC is among the country's oldest labor unions.*

**About United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula**

United Way of the EUP serves Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. It has been governed by a volunteer board of directors since its inception in 1956 - local volunteers oversee every aspect of the organization even today! The UWEUP Volunteer Center helps to facilitate corporate groups, local organizations and individual volunteers to create an impact in our Eastern Upper Peninsula communities by hosting various service projects and events. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, or would like more information about our programs, call 906.632.3700, email [volunteer@unitedwayeup.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwayeup.org), or visit [www.unitedwayeup.org](http://www.unitedwayeup.org).

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