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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Less Than 2 Weeks Away

Pensacola, FL (May 1, 2023) – Residents of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties should be on the lookout for Stamp Out Hunger food drive bags in their mailboxes soon. Letter Carriers will pick up food donations in the bags provided on May 13.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), is in its 31st year. It is the largest one-day food drive in the country. Food collected in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties stays here, helping to feed those who are struggling with food insecurity in our community.

This year, residents in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties can participate by leaving non-perishable food donations at their mailboxes on Saturday, May 13th, for their letter carriers to collect. Donations will benefit local food banks and pantries in both counties, helping to ensure that families in need have access to nutritious food.

Residents are encouraged to leave a bag of healthy, non-perishable food items, such as canned fruit in 100% juice, canned mixed vegetables, canned chicken, canned tuna, dry breakfast items (oatmeal, whole-grain cereal), peanut butter, and/or dry beans. Residents should **not** donate items in glass containers or items that have been opened or homemade.

Local food donations will benefit individuals and families served by Manna Food Pantries, Feeding the Gulf Coast, ACTS Ministries, We Care Ministries, and Warrington Emergency Aid Center. Last year Escambia and Santa Rosa letter carriers collected 188,813 pounds of food from generous residents.

Residents of the two-county area will receive a *Stamp Out Hunger* postcard reminder in the mail, as well as a bag to fill with donation items. For more information about the annual *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive, please visit uwwf.org/sohfb.

Several partners are assisting the NALC in the food drive: the United States Postal Service, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA), the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), Valpak, United Way, the AFL-CIO, CVS, Kellogg's and Vericast.

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