

Union County participates in postal service food drive

NEWS RELEASE TO THE ADVOCATE

Saturday, May 13 marks the 25th anniversary of one of America's great days of giving — the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food drive.

Letter carriers walk and drive through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger.

Each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries right here in our county to provide food to people in our community who need our help.

Last year, we collected over 80 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 64 million people. Over the course of its 24-year history, the drive has collected well over one billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans—1 in 6—are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly 5 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

The postal food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 13th and your letter carrier will do the rest. I invite you to join in America's great day of giving and

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Both the Morganfield & Sturgis Post Offices will be participating in this annual drive the week of May 8-13. The Morganfield Office also covers Uniontown and Waverly. (Please do not drop off food at Waverly or Uniontown.) Food can be dropped off at the Morganfield or Sturgis Post office through the week. The deadline for accepting food at Morganfield will be 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13—items then should be dropped off at the dock behind the post office by 3 p.m. Those in Sturgis, who bring in ten items or more, will be entered into a drawing for gift certificate to Verlies. Morganfield will make arrangements to pick up donated food from any business by calling Postmaster Barry Chandler or Supervisor Serita Head at 270-389-1291 during business hours.



help us in our fight to end hunger.

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