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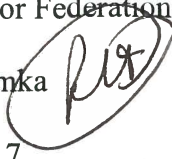
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MEMORANDUM

TO: International and National Union Presidents
Principal Officers of State Federations, Central Labor Councils
and Area Labor Federations

FROM: Richard L. Trumka 

DATE: February 2, 2017

RE: NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - May 13, 2017

I am writing to encourage your participation in this year's National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, which will occur on Saturday, May 13.

Last spring, NALC members and other union volunteers collected over 80 million pounds of food, setting a new record for the most food ever collected in their one-day food drive. This remarkable feat proves what we can accomplish together with commitment, determination, solidarity and hard work.

While the total pounds of food collected is hard to visualize, the faces of those who are helped by this effort are all too familiar -- children, seniors, and working families struggling to make ends meet.

The results of the recent election may embolden members of Congress who are determined to cut programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, and other critical safety net services, making initiatives such as this food drive particularly important.

Working in partnership with the AFL-CIO Labor Liaison Network, United Way Worldwide, our nation's food security advocates and a host of other partners, the NALC gets food into the cupboards of those in need. All people need to do is place a bag of unopened, non-perishable food next to their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers their mail on Saturday, May 13th, and the carrier will do the rest. Once collected, the food is taken back to the postal station, sorted, and delivered by union volunteers to area food banks or pantries.

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Please publicize and promote the May 13th NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive among your members. With the support of unions and America's working families, the NALC can collect more food and by doing so, help families in need of this assistance.

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved with the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, please contact Yael Foa, National Community Engagement United Way Program Coordinator, at 202-639-6245 or yfoa@aficio.org.

Thank you for supporting the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

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