

## Food Drive preparations heating up

ith more than 1 billion pounds of food donations already collected by letter carriers since the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive began in 1993, and a record 77.1 million pounds picked up last year alone, branches throughout the country have their sights set this year on another successful effort on Saturday,

May 14—the country's largest singleday drive to help needy families fight hunger in America.

The need for food assistance has never been greater. According to the Agriculture Department's most recent study of food security in the United States, in 2009 the number of Americans living in so-called "food insecure" homes topped 50 million. Of those, 17.2 million are children.

As this *Postal Record* went to press, more than 1,000 NALC branches already had registered to participate in the 2011 drive and should soon be receiving materials to help organize their local drives. Any branch that has not yet registered should do so immediately.

Due to financial constraints this year,

supplies of the traditional Campbell Soup-U.S. Postal Service postcard may be limited, so branch food drive coordinators need to order only the amount of cards they need, and should do so now. As in the past, English- and Spanish-language cards will be available. Forms for ordering cards were enclosed in packets mailed to registered branch coordinators.

NALC President Fredric V. Rolando emphasized that the union must ratchet up efforts for local promotion, something that has always been the hallmark of successful drives.

"Letter carriers have never backed away from a challenge," Rolando said. "Millions of Americans depend on the food we collect to help carry them through the summer months. We cannot—we must not—let them down."

The drive has become so successful over the years in more than 10,000 cities and towns that it is now part of the fabric of fighting hunger in America. Food banks literally circle the second Saturday in May on their calendars, knowing that carriers will again fill their shelves—shelves that, by then, will be depleted of holiday-time donations.

"I urge every NALC branch and member—active and retired—to begin immediately to work with local officials in preparing for the food drive," Rolando said, "and to enlist every school, church and civic organization, local governments, major businesses and the news media for support."

Many large branches boost collections by delivering customers plastic and paper bags donated by firms such as the Publix and Kroger grocery chains, local food banks, and the International Paper Co.

## Regional Food Drive Coordinators

This is a list of the food drive coordinators. If you have questions or need help, please contact them at their e-mail address.

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will again aid the drive by donating to Feeding America one pound of food (up to one million pounds) for every person who joins the Stamp Out Hunger Facebook community. You can trigger a donation by visiting facebook.com/ StampOutHunger and clicking "Like."

The national drive, which began with a pilot program in 1991, is patterned on a successful local drive by Phoenix Branch 576. It is held each year on the second Saturday in May-which this year falls on May 14. (Often, the second Saturday in May is also the day before Mother's Day, but not this year).

More information about the drive is available at helpstampouthunger.com. In addition to "liking" the Facebook page, you can follow the drive on Twittersimply "follow" StampOutHunger. 🖂

Artwork being prepared for use in Valpak mailers

## Updated 2010 Bowlathon totals

\$3.500

\$840

\$177

\$1,000

\$4,102

\$1,197

\$865

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Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe

Campbell Soup has already begun its massive promotional effort to support the Stamp Out Hunger effort, and the

Valpak direct marketing firm, which has

helped out for years, again is preparing

to mail some 44 million envelopes pro-

moting the drive in April and early May.

donated a new "Family Circus" illustra-

tion to promote donations, and other

national partners are stepping up their

efforts as well, including the National

Rural Letter Carriers' Association, national food bank network Feeding

America, the AFL-CIO, United Way

Worldwide, and Uncle Bob's Self Stor-

nator Linda Giordano is directing this

year's drive, helped by a cadre of specially appointed coordinators in each of

the 15 NALC regions.

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In addition to funding postcards and

other promotional support, Campbell's

Cartoonists Bil and Jeff Keane have

has written President Rolando, express-

ing the Service's backing of the drive. "You can count on the Postal Service's continued support as our carriers, other postal employees, and citizens in communities throughout the nation deliver for families in need through the

food drive," Donahoe said.