Another food drive is in the bag

Here we are again for the 26th year. Tens of thousands of NALC members across the United States took part in our annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, collecting bags of food left by the generous customers on their routes and distributing those collections to food banks in communities across the country.

During these 26 years, letter carriers represented by NALC have sacrificed their time—not to mention their backs, shoulders, arms, legs and feet—on the second Saturday in May to carry out one of the most meaningful humanitarian events in the United States: delivering food to families in need.

In more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states and other U.S. jurisdictions, letter carriers could be found collecting sacks of non-perishable food items left by customers’ mailboxes. Volunteers from the other postal crafts, as well as postal managers, other labor unions, community groups and local food banks, pitched in to help retrieve the heavy bags from loaded-down postal vehicles, transporting this much-needed nourishment to local charitable organizations dedicated to serving the hungry.

NALC President Fredric Rolando congratulated all those who helped on Food Drive Day in ways large and small.

“It seemed that no medium was left unused to spread word about this year’s drive...but bags delivered to each address have the most dramatic effect on total food collection.”

Branch collection results can be reported in the food drive inquiry by the branch president, or the forms can be sent to NALC Headquarters by June 9. A final national total for the drive is scheduled to be announced shortly after that. A detailed report on the drive, including branch-by-branch results, will appear in the July issue of this magazine.