

Correction: Scotch Plains, NJ Br. 4102 was left out of the list of branches that contributed to the Shut Down Hunger campaign. Its total donation was \$1,500.

Food Drive Day is Saturday, May 9

The nation's largest single-day food drive is almost here. The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is Saturday, May 9.

Letter carriers have teamed with other postal employees and volunteers to collect food since the first national food drive in 1993. Donations are collected from postal patrons who leave a bag of nonperishable food next to their mailbox on the second Saturday in May.

One in 5 Americans, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans, are unsure where their next meal will come from. The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive helps to replenish food pantry shelves in spring and summer, when holiday food donations are depleted and schools are closing for the summer.

"Letter carriers know the struggles that people in their communities face—they see it every day," NALC President Brian

L. Renfroe said. "For more than three decades, we've helped to meet their needs each May, and it's time to pull off this annual miracle again."

The annual food drive wouldn't be possible without the support of our national partners: the U.S. Postal Service, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, RR Donnelley, United Way Worldwide, the AFL-CIO, Valpak, Nutri-Grain and CVS Health. These partners help by paying for the specially marked postcards, donating thousands of pounds of food and thousands of dollars to food pantries, donating bags that letter carriers distribute to customers, gathering volunteers, or getting out messages about the food drive.

NALC's communications team at Headquarters and our national partners will continue spreading the word and raising

awareness for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Remember to follow the food drive's official social media accounts on Facebook at facebook.com/StampOutHunger and on X at [@StampOutHunger](https://twitter.com/StampOutHunger) to stay up to date and learn more about NALC's national partners. To find or send messages about the food drive on either platform, use [#StampOutHunger](https://twitter.com/StampOutHunger).

Branches must report the pounds of food they collect via their Members Only portal by June 7.

Letter carriers who have questions about the food drive should contact their local branch coordinator. Regional and state food drive coordinators are available to assist; a contact list can be found on the Food Drive Tool Kit page at nalc.org/toolkit under the heading "Important information for coordinators." More information about the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive can be found online at nalc.org/food. **PR**

Former Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Willoughby dies

Judy Willoughby, former assistant secretary-treasurer and national business agent (NBA) for Region 9, died on March 26 at the age of 70.

Willoughby began her postal career in 1980 and joined West Coast Florida Branch 1477, where she quickly became a shop steward after witnessing management violations of the contract. She served as a steward from 1981 to 1983 and continued that service after transferring to Tallahassee, FL, in 1984, where she became a member of Tallahassee Branch 1172. She went on to serve Branch 1172 as trustee and vice president before serving as branch president for nearly 12 years.

In 2000, NALC President Vincent R. Sombrotto appointed her as a regional administrative assistant for Region 9. Sister Willoughby also served in several appointed NALC positions in the North



Florida District, including as an Employee Involvement facilitator, a member of the local joint steering committee and the joint route inspection team and as Delivery Point Sequence coordinator. She had also been an arbitration advocate since 1988 and served as a local business agent for many years. She served as an executive board member for District 5 of the Florida State Association of Letter Carriers and as FSALC director of education.

In 2004, Sister Willoughby made history as the NALC's first female NBA when NALC President William H. Young appointed her

as Region 9 NBA to fill a vacancy. She was subsequently elected to that position by acclamation at the 2006 national convention and again in 2010. She was later elected NALC assistant secretary-treasurer by ballot among the union's active and retired members, and she retired from the position in 2018 at the end of her term.

An Army veteran, Sister Willoughby held two associate degrees from St. Petersburg Junior College and also attended the University of South Florida.

"NALC mourns the loss of Sister Willoughby," NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said. "She dedicated more than four decades to fighting for the rights of letter carriers, breaking barriers and setting a standard of service that will not be forgotten. On behalf of the NALC, I extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed." **PR**