Deliver Hope: Join the 31st Annual Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive on May 11th!

NORFOLK, VA | May 6, 2024 – Saturday, May 11th marks the 31st anniversary of one of America’s great days of giving – the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive. By collecting donations for the Foodbank, our mail carriers are connecting those who can help with those who need it. The work they do is tiring. And it must not be easy to juggle delivering pound after pound of mail and pick up food donations, simultaneously. But the reason we’re asking people to add a little more to their plate is to help us fill someone else’s.

Our mail carriers meet folks experiencing hunger every day. They are the nice family of four living in a well-kept apartment along their daily routes, the elderly gentleman who waves ‘hello’ each morning, the kid that stops to show you their toys, the mom who always looks tired … hunger does not discriminate.

Each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the county collect non-perishable food donations from their customers. These donations go directly to local food banks to provide food to people who need our help. Over the course of its 30-year history, the drive has collected well over 1.9 billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The need for food donations is great, and this food drive timing is critical. Summer, a season of joy and relaxation for many, brings challenges for those facing food insecurity. With school closures and increased childcare needs, the absence of meal programs leaves many families struggling to put food on the table. During this same time, our donations decline dramatically.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is simple. Just leave non-perishable food donations in a bag by your mailbox Saturday, May 11th and your letter carrier will do the rest.

Last year, Stamp Out Hunger® collected over 48,000 lbs of food, generating nearly 41,000 meals. That’s a complete months’ worth of food for 453 people that you all brought in over the course of 24 hours.

Please help us in our fight to Stamp Out Hunger.

About the Foodbank
Since 1981, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore has proudly provided more than 380 million meals to our neighbors in need. We play a vital role in the fight against hunger by collecting, storing, and distributing food to our neighbors, while also working to address the root causes of hunger and food insecurity. This past year, we – alongside our neighbors – endured the impact of rising inflation, expiration of critical pandemic-era programs, and increased fuel and shipping costs. These hardships intensified the demand for our services and for the first time, we distributed more than 21 million pounds of food. With the support of our dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and compassionate community members, we strive to exceed this ever-growing baseline goal each year, ensuring that no one in our community goes to bed hungry.