

# NEWS

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### **Letter Carriers' 25<sup>th</sup> annual food drive a success**

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) held its 25th annual national Stamp Out Hunger<sup>®</sup> Food Drive on Saturday, May 13, collecting over 50,000-plus pounds of food which will be distributed locally through the Macomb Food Program. Stamp Out Hunger<sup>®</sup> is the largest single-day food drive in the country and it provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need in the community.

In Macomb County, the food collected is given to the Macomb Food Program and used to help stock the shelves of food pantries throughout the county. The Macomb Food Program is an affiliate of Macomb Community Action.

“We are so thankful to our generous Macomb County residents, as well as the letter carriers and all the volunteers that help to make the food drive a success,” said Linda Azar, Macomb Community Action division director of Children and Family Services. “We also could not do this without the ongoing support from Teamsters Local 299, USF Holland, YRC and UPS trucking companies for providing the drivers and trucks to get the donated food to the Macomb Food Program warehouse.”

Pizza, sandwiches and donuts to feed the volunteers were also generously donated by: Arby's (Fraser), Jet's Pizza (Clinton Township), Original Buscemi's (Clinton Township), Jimmy Johns (Macomb Township) and Dunkin Donuts (Clinton Township).

Hunger affects people around the country, including thousands of children, senior citizens and veterans in Macomb County. Pantry shelves filled up through winter-holiday generosity often are bare by late spring. With most school and alternative meal programs suspended during summer months, millions of children and families must find alternate sources of nutrition.

Volunteers are needed to help sort the donated food drive items before distribution throughout the county. Groups and individuals interested in volunteering can call (586) 469-6004 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule a time.

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(left photo) Food collected from The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) 25th annual national Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive.

(right photo) (from right) Macomb Food Program employees Rose Merlo, support staff, Linda Azar, division director of Children and Family Services and Ann Wagner, site supervisor, help stock up the food collected from The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) 25th annual national Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive.

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