



MEDIA ALERT

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UNITED WAY OF MCLEAN COUNTY ENCOURAGES SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS (NALC) FOOD DRIVE ON MAY 14

– Seventeen year “Stamp Out Hunger” partnership has provided more than one billion pounds of food for people in need across the country –

- WHAT:** United Way of McLean County encourages community members to donate a sturdy bag of non-perishable items (canned foods, pasta, rice, cereal, etc.) to be collected by letter carriers as they deliver mail along their postal routes.
- WHO:** “Stamp Out Hunger” is a national partnership between NALC, the U.S. Postal Service, United Way, the AFL-CIO, the National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association, Campbell, Feeding America, Valpak, AARP and Uncle Bob’s Self Storage. The nation’s 230,000 active letter carriers will take the donations to local food banks, pantries and shelters. In Bloomington-Normal, NALC Branch 522 will collect food for 18 local food pantries.
- WHEN:** **Saturday, May 14, 2011, prior to mail delivery**
- WHERE:** Leave bag(s) next to your mailbox.
- WHY:** Each year, millions of Americans join the effort to help meet the needs of nearly 50 million Americans who live in families that lack sufficient food. One in seven adults and nearly one-quarter of all children who are hungry and not receiving the basic nutrition they need. Moving into the summer months, 22 million students are at risk of going hungry when the school year ends. For many children, school meals are the only complete and nutritious meals they eat. NALC Branch 522’s goal for the 2011 Stamp Out Hunger food drive is 50,000 pounds of food.

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