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26th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive set for Saturday, May 12th

(Tyler, Texas) May 7, 2018— The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 26th annual national food drive on Saturday, May 12th. The Stamp Out Hunger[®] Food Drive, the country's largest single-day food drive, provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need in their communities.

Customers simply leave their donation of non-perishable goods next to their mailbox before the delivery of the mail on **Saturday, May 12th**. Letter carriers will collect these food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes. That food will then be picked up by the East Texas Food Bank for distribution to our partner agency network. Last year, over 32,000 pounds of food was collected in East Texas alone.

"Stamp Out Hunger is one of our most important public food drives and is a great way to support our community," said Dennis Cullinane, CEO of the East Texas Food Bank. "We are so grateful for the extra time and effort that our letter carriers give towards this cause, so let's remember to leave a bag of non-perishable food by your mailbox and help them maximize their gift."

Hunger affects about 46 million people around the country, including millions of children, seniors and veterans. Pantry shelves filled up through the winter-holiday generosity often are bare by late spring. Additionally, with most school meal programs suspended during the summer months, millions of children must find alternate sources of nutrition.

"At least six days a week, letter carriers see firsthand the needs of the communities they work in," NALC President Fredric Rolando. "We're privileged to be able to help those in need while leading an effort that brings out the best in so many Americans."

About National Association of Letter Carriers

The 280,000-member National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) represents letter carriers across the country employed by the U.S. Postal Service, along with retired letter carriers. Founded by Civil War veterans in 1889, the NALC is among the country's oldest labor unions.

About East Texas Food Bank

The East Texas Food Bank provided more than 22 million meals each year to 200 partner agencies in 26 East Texas counties. Our vision is for a hunger-free East Texas and our mission is to fight hunger and feed hope in East Texas. The East Texas Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and Feeding Texas. To learn more, visit EastTexasFoodBank.org. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/etfoodbank or follow our news on Twitter at twitter.com/etfoodbank.

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