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May postal food drive, rally to aid Macomb Food Program to feed the hungry

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The 17th annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and U.S. Postal Service Food Drive is coming soon to Macomb County.

In Macomb County, and throughout the country, postal workers will collect non-perishable food items placed by mailboxes on Saturday, May 9.

The food drive gets an earlier boost with a Stamp Out Hunger Rally from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Warren Civic Center, 1 City Square.

The rally includes a three-point shootout basketball competition, children's games, prizes, a talent competition, food, a free throw competition, inflatable playscapes, and Operation Identification, an anti-theft program that shows people how to mark their property with a special code so it can be identified if stolen. Food will not be collected at the rally.

Much of the food collected in Macomb County is distributed to those in need through the Macomb Food Program's many pantry distribution sites.

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The food drive is a critical event for the Macomb Food Program. Each year food donations collected during this event provide emergency food supplies for thousands of hungry families and individuals in Macomb County. It is estimated that Macomb County will distribute more than 1 million pounds of food this year to families in need.

The Macomb Food Program encourages the community to support the letter carriers in their drive to help feed the hungry. This event is the nation's largest one-day effort to combat hunger.

Sue Figurski, Food Program coordinator, said requests for emergency food during the last six months are up 51 percent compared to the same period last year. This represents an additional 8,500 households in need of help with food to feed their family.

The national co-sponsors of the NALC Food Drive and rally are the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup Co., Cox Target Media-Valpak, the United Way of America and local United Ways, the AFL-CIO, Direct Marketing Systems, National Association of Letter Carriers and Feeding America food bank network.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has enjoyed one of the state's fastest growth rates over the past 15 years. Macomb's 833,000 residents – up more than 44,000 since the 2000 census – make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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