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Mayor Mark Mallory Supports Letter Carriers 15th Annual “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive”

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory is encouraging Cincinnati citizens to participate in the 15th Annual “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive” this Saturday sponsored by the Cincinnati Letter Carriers. To participate, citizens need to collect non-perishable food items and leave them near their mailboxes. As they deliver the mail on Saturday, Cincinnati area postal workers will pick up the food and donate it to the Freestore/Foodbank.

“Everyone needs to help out in the fight against hunger,” Mayor Mallory said. “This is a great event and it is very easy. All you have to do is leave your canned goods by your mailbox and the Letter Carriers will do the rest.”

In 1993, Letter Carriers across the nation initiated a food drive to help feed the hungry in their communities. Saturday, May 12, 2007 will mark the 15th year that Letter Carriers in Greater Cincinnati will be collecting food for the “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.”

The Letter Carriers Food Drive quickly became the largest single-day event of its kind. Carriers in all 50 states and U.S. Territories collected over 70.5 million pounds of food in 2006. Cincinnati National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 43 carriers have been part of this event since its inception and through 2006 have collected a cumulative total of 3 million pounds of non-perishable food to benefit the agencies served by the Freestore/Foodbank.

Local Letter Carriers are preparing to set a new local record this year and are asking for help from the people of Cincinnati. It's easy for everyone to participate. Early Saturday morning, May 12, customers are urged to leave non-perishable food items by their mailboxes. Their Letter Carriers will do the rest.

All areas of the Postal Service are involved in the Food Drive, including truck drivers, clerks, rural carriers and postmasters. An important feature of this drive is that donations will be delivered to food banks, pantries and shelters that serve the area where the donations are collected.

For more information, contact NALC Branch 43 President Jerry Giesting at (513) 542.6400 or Bonni Manies at (513) 684.5107.

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