

Rio Grande District News

20th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Letter Carriers' Annual Food Drive Collects 70 Million Pounds of Food for the Hungry

In a highly successful nationwide food drive, the National Association of Letter Carriers collected more than 70.5 million pounds of food on Saturday, May 12, at a time when hunger is a major problem. The NALC's annual one-day drive, the largest in the nation, is held on the second Saturday in May in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. This was the 20th annual NALC Food Drive to stamp out hunger.

Rio Grande District employees joined carriers around the country to bring donated food from their routes on Saturday, May 12, to local food banks, pantries or shelters. Assisting 1,600 local NALC branches were rural letter carriers and other postal employees, plus members of other unions and civic volunteers.

"These results will enable the food pantries that we supply across the country to help feed the 50 million Americans, one-third of them children, who live in families that lack sufficient food," NALC President Fredric Rolando said.

Following are reports and photos received from some of the offices participating in this year's Food Drive.

KILLEEN, TX - Full Time City Carrier, Donnie Gilbert was presented with a certificate of appreciation for taking the lead on the local NALC Food Drive in Killeen TX. Donnie spent numerous hours of his own time coordinating the distribution of the food drive sacks, materials to support the food drive, and coordinating drivers from our local food bank to pick up the over 32,000 pounds of food collected by our Carriers! In previous years, the City Carriers of Killeen have collected from 9-12k of food. Thanks to Donnie's commitment, the commitment of our local City Carriers, and the Food Drive Sacks, we more than tripled our collection with a total of 32k collected!



Pictured with Mr. Gilbert are PM Anthony Palomino and Dr. Ann Farris, director of the Killeen Food Care Center.

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