

National Letter Carrier Food Drive

The NALC National Food Drive is held yearly on the second Saturday in May, which is **May 12th** this year. The union continues its mission to help the millions and millions of men, women and children across American who face hunger in their communities every single day.

The Watertown Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help. We are looking for volunteers at 2 locations.....the post office beginning at 11 am and the food pantry beginning between 12:30 and 1 pm. At the post office, volunteers are needed to pack the food into boxes for transport to the pantry. At the pantry, we will need strong bodies to get the large post office carts into the church, to the storage room in the basement and then stack the boxes until needed. Please remember do not donate damaged, expired or opened food products. These items need to be thrown away. The collection portion of the food drive is normally complete by 6 pm.

If you are not able to help on the day of the food drive, consider helping us out with the aftermath of such a large food collection. Volunteers work for many, many weeks sorting the food by category and then sorting by expiration date. If you can help in any way possible, please contact Dawn Westenberg, our volunteer coordinator, at 920-261-7068. Whatever time you can donate would be greatly appreciated!

Last year's silver-anniversary event brought in more than 71 million pounds of non-perishable food that was collected from generous postal patrons and delivered to community food pantries. Overall, NALC was able to provide critically needed goods to local food distribution centers in EVERY state. The tally for last year's drive was 71 million pounds of food collected in more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This figure brought the quarter-century total to more than 1.5 billion pounds.