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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE LETTER CARRIERS TO COLLECT FOOD MAY 10 IN OVER 10,000 CITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST SKATER SARAH HUGHES TO SERVE AS AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON – The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its nationwide 11th annual “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive” on Saturday, May 10.

As more than 1,500 NALC branches across the country prepare for the nation’s largest one-day food drive, they will have some added support from a very special “**Stamp out Hunger**” ambassador—reigning Olympic Women’s Figure Skating Champion, Sarah Hughes.

Making a donation is easy. Customers should leave their non-perishable food donation in a bag near their mailbox on Saturday, May 10, before their letter carrier arrives. Postal customers in New York City and Chicago are asked to take their food donations to their local post office during the week of May 5-10.

“The NALC Food Drive is a welcome opportunity for us to join forces to help meet the challenge—to not only raise public awareness but to help combat this often overlooked issue of hunger. We are pleased to be a sponsor,” Postmaster General John E. Potter said.

“Millions of children—many from working families—face hunger every day despite all the great resources of this nation,” said NALC President, William H. Young. He added “NALC members aided by rural letter carriers and other postal employees, make a huge difference for those who do not receive adequate nutrition during the summer when school lunch programs are closed.”

Food collected during Saturday's drive will be delivered to community food banks and pantries that serve the area where the donations are collected—providing an opportunity for citizens to help needy families in their own communities.

Almost 63 million pounds of food was collected during last year's drive. Since it was organized in 1993, Letter Carriers and other Postal Service employees have collected and delivered over 500 million pounds of food to help feed America's hungry.

Campbell Soup Company is once again lending its support to the drive by helping to send over 105 million postcards to postal customers announcing the food drive. Other partners of the drive are America's Second Harvest and local offices of the United Way and the AFL-CIO.

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 140 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$66 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mail and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The Postal Service delivers more than 43 percent of the world's mail volume—some 203 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves 7 million customers each day at its 38,000 retail locations nationwide.