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Loaves & Fishes joins in 34th annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive



Letter carriers and Loaves & Fishes volunteers will be collecting the nonperishable donations during the 34th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 9. *Courtesy of Loaves & Fishes Community Services*

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The National Association of Letter Carriers and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association is partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Services during the 34th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 9.

Each year, residents are encouraged to place healthy, unexpired, nonperishable items in bags by their mailboxes on the second Saturday in May by 11 a.m. for collection by postal carriers and Loaves & Fishes volunteers.

Food insecurity has increased more than 50% since 2019 in our communities. With the nation continuing to experience a significant increase in the price of food and other basic necessities, the need for assistance will only continue to rise.

Loaves & Fishes currently serves about 10,000 people a week throughout DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties.

“We are incredibly grateful for the work of the National Association of Letter Carriers, the United States Postal Service, and the support of our entire community,” said Mike Havala, president & CEO of Loaves & Fishes. “Your efforts are critical in helping us increase our food supply to meet the growing needs of families in our community.”

This annual event is the nation’s largest single-day food drive! Every donation makes a difference, and it’s easy to participate. Place nonperishable, unexpired food donations in a bag by your mailbox, and your letter carrier and event volunteers will deliver them to Loaves & Fishes.



Join in the nation's largest single-day food drive by filling a bag with nonperishable donations and leaving it near your mailbox for pickup by letter carriers or volunteers with Loaves & Fishes.

Courtesy of Loaves & Fishes Community Services

A list of the most needed grocery items can be found on the Loaves & Fishes website. You can also contribute and purchase the most needed items through the Loaves & Fishes Virtual Food Drive at loaves-fishes.org/events/stamp-out-hunger/.

All donations to the Virtual Food Drive on this day will contribute toward the total pounds collected for Stamp Out Hunger!

Together, we can continue to support our neighbors and meet their needs — helping families stay nourished and resilient. For more information on Stamp Out Hunger and how you can get involved with the mission of Loaves & Fishes, visit loaves-fishes.org.

Loaves & Fishes Community Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving about 10,000 people a week by providing healthy food and impactful programs for self-sufficiency. It is the largest food pantry in the state.

Clients receive a healthy variety of food, including fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, and eggs. The Loaves & Fishes CARES programs help clients become self-sufficient through opportunities such as emergency assistance for rent or utilities, assistance with public benefits, car donations, tax preparation, job readiness, financial fitness, and Moving Up an intensive program that helps clients overcome barriers preventing them from becoming self-sufficient.

Loaves & Fishes serves DuPage, Will, Kane, and Kendall counties. Loaves & Fishes Grocery Market and administrative offices are located in Naperville, and their Food Distribution Hub is located in Aurora. For more information, visit loaves-fishes.org.



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