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*Stamping Out Hunger!*

## Food Drive Tops 70 Million!

### 'Four-Peat' for Buffalo/Western NY Branch 3; Publix Bags Help Fill Florida Food Banks



In left photo, members of Eugene, Oregon Br. 916 show off their food drive T-shirts featuring the 'Family Circus' artwork of Bil Keane. At right, Sunnyslope Station carriers and volunteers work hard handling donations at the loading dock for food drive of Br. 576 in Phoenix, Arizona.



Letter carriers delivered again on May 13 in stocking nearly bare food banks, pantries and shelters across America to help feed needy families during the summer months. Nearly 70.5 million pounds of donations were collected from postal customers and taken quickly to local food distribution outlets.

Final results showed 70,493,150 pounds of food collected in the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive conducted in over 10,000 cities in towns in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia.

Buffalo/Western New York Branch 3, which collected 1,902,962 pounds of donations, was the top NALC branch in the drive for the fourth consecutive year. Close behind were Long Island (NY) Merged Br. 6000 in second place with 1,800,000 pounds and West Coast Florida Br. 1477 in third at 1,501,557 pounds.

The total was slightly below last year's record 71.3 million pound collection, due in part by heavy rains in the Midwest and New England.

In Florida, however, the infusion of some 8 million plastic bags courtesy of the Publix grocery chain and delivered by the Postal Service throughout the state resulted in significant increases in donations there.

*A full report on the drive, with totals reported by each branch and photos submitted, will appear in the July Postal Record.*

NALC President William H. Young thanked the millions of American families who left food by their mailboxes and the letter carriers, rural carriers, and other postal employees and volunteers who collected, processed, and delivered the donations to local food banks and pantries.

**"Once again the American people have come through with an amazing display of generosity," Young said. "Hunger is a critical day-to-day issue for far too many families in our nation — including working Americans, children and the elderly — and letter carriers are proud to deliver donations from our postal customers to restock their community food banks and pantries."**

Announcement of the drive total was made in conjunction with National

### NALC/Campbell Soup 2006 Award Winners

#### Category I (1-99 members)

Br. 5480 Venice, FL	127,967
Br. 1103 Ocala, FL	124,250

#### Category II (100-499)

Br. 791 Snohomish Cnty, WA	394,483
Br. 2072 Fort Myers, FL	323,200

#### Category III (500-999)

Br. 2008 Clearwater, FL	1,311,454
Br. 704 Tucson, AZ	1,115,793

#### Category IV (1000-2499)

Br. 3 Buffalo/Western NY	1,902,962
Br. 1477 West Coast Florida	1,501,557

#### Category V (2500 +)

Br. 6000 Long Island NY Mgd.	1,800,000
Br. 1100 Garden Grove, CA	1,031,806

June 15 Deadline!

## Last Chance to Register

A reminder — Thursday, June 15 is the deadline for NALC members to register to be a delegate to the 65th Biennial Convention August 14-18 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Registration forms **must be received** at NALC headquarters by that date, along with housing requests and deposits.

June 15 is also the deadline for submission of proposed amendments to the NALC Constitution to have them considered at the Convention, and also the deadline to have any proposed resolutions printed in the *Resolutions and Amendments* book that will be provided to Convention delegates.

Proposed amendments and all resolutions should be sent to: Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broendel, NALC Headquarters, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington DC 20001-2144.

## 'Union Plus' Scholarships Awarded To Children of Two NALC Members

Two children of NALC members have been selected to receive 2006 Union Plus Scholarship awards of \$1,000 each. The annual scholarship program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation with funding from HSBC, the issuer of the Union Plus Credit Card.

NALC winners among 108 students from 44 unions to get scholarships this year are:

- Shelley G. Gilliam, daughter of Robert Gilliam of Lake Jackson, Texas, a member and longtime secretary of NALC Br. 4723.
- Jeremy Seppi, stepson of Mark Goggin of Bowie, Maryland and member of NALC Br. 4819 in Lanham, Maryland.

NALC President William H. Young congratulated the two winners on their achievement.

**"While we fight to restore the American dream for all of working America, Union Plus Scholarships provide crucial help to many women and men in the labor movement seeking to realize their dreams," Young said.**

Applications for 2007 scholarship awards will be available this September at [www.UnionPlus.org/Scholarships](http://www.UnionPlus.org/Scholarships). The deadline for submitting an application is January 31, 2007.

## 'Customer Connect' Hits Milestone

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Jim Korolowicz reports that the Customer Connect program has reached another milestone of over \$180 million in annualized sales.

Korolowicz said that as of the week ending June 2, Customer Connect had reached \$180,118,813 in new annual revenue for USPS.

**"That's over \$180 million thanks to letter carriers who continue to turn in leads in record numbers," Korolowicz said.**

The Capital Metro Area continues to shine in letter carrier participation (leads) and had over \$500,000 in sales this past week. New York Metro Area continues to set the pace in the "show me the money" category for the fiscal year with over \$16,613,200 in 2006.

**"Do yourself a favor and turn in a lead or two and make that 'Deposit on Our Futures'," Korolowicz added.**

A special Customer Connect Workshop will be conducted at the National Convention in Las Vegas on Friday, August 18. Details will be in the *July Postal Record*.

Hunger Awareness Day activities aimed at encouraging citizen involvement in anti-hunger efforts.

Young also expressed appreciation to the U.S. Postal Service and Campbell Soup Company, which together supplied nearly 118 million postcards to promote the drive, as well as the drive's other major supporters: Valpak, the direct mail marketing firm; America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest network of food banks; United Way of America and its local United Ways; the AFL-CIO, and cartoonist Bil Keane, who yearly provides a special "Family Circus" drawing for the drive.

In addition, Campbell Soup has earmarked 1 million cans of soup for hunger charities throughout the year in the name of the NALC drive, and also will donate 1,000 cans of soup to a food bank designated by each of 10 branches — the top two in five membership categories — in the annual NALC/Campbell Soup competition. The branches will also receive a plaque at the NALC Convention in Las Vegas this August.