



## 39 million pounds of food collected for first food drive in two years

Branches across the country returned to an annual tradition on Saturday, May 14, holding the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive after two years during which the drive couldn't be held for safety reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The return of the food drive was met with enthusiasm from postal patrons donating food, from local food banks whose shelves were filled, and most of all from the families who depend on the food banks.

The nationwide total, reported as of June 29, was 39,473,516 pounds. That brings the total collected since the food drive began 30 years ago to almost 1.9 billion pounds of food.

As the bags of food piled up during the collection on May 14, reports on the amount of food donated, and expressions of gratitude from food banks, began pouring in.

NALC President Fredric Rolando praised NALC members for their hard work in bringing back the food drive. "Letter carriers jumped back into the food drive this year," he said. "They see firsthand how some in their communities struggle with hunger, and they saw the gratitude on the faces of local food bank volunteers as they gathered bag after bag of food."

San Juan, PR Branch 869 collected the most food with 2,964,000 pounds, and Bellingham, WA Branch 450 collected the most money with \$59,724.

The branches with the largest food collections among different branch size groups, and the results reported from every branch, are listed in the July edition of *The Postal Record*.

The pandemic caused the cancellation of the food drive in 2020 and 2021, but it did not slow letter carriers' commitment to supporting food banks. They replaced the food drive with an online donor drive those two years, with NALC Headquarters matching the donations made from branch treasuries. Including the Headquarters match, the donor drives yielded a little more than \$1 million each of those years for food banks.

"Letter carriers never gave up on the food drive—they quickly found a way around the pandemic to bring food to the tables of people in need in the last two years," Assistant to the President for Community Services Christina Vela Davidson said. "This year, they were back in full force, filling truck after truck with food for their communities. Many carriers greeted the return of the in-person food drive as a sign that things are finally returning to normal."



Garden Grove, CA Br. 1100

**72ND Biennial Convention**

**August 8-12, 2022**  
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## Convention housing deadline is July 10

The deadline for booking housing for NALC's 72nd Biennial Convention is July 10. All booking must be done through NALC's official housing company, Maritz Global. Sleeping room requests for all NALC hotels must be handled by Maritz Global; no other third-party companies may be used. NALC Headquarters will be advising Maritz Global Event of all registered delegates. Anyone booking a room who is not a registered NALC delegate at the time of the booking will be subject to cancellation and will receive a notice.

## MDA

Join us for a Hawaiian Night to Remember to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Monday, Aug. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Chicago at NALC's 72nd Biennial Convention. Tickets are limited. Only 1,500 tickets are available for \$100 each. All proceeds go toward MDA and its efforts to #DeliverTheCure for neuromuscular diseases. Register now: [mda.donordrive.com/participant/convention](http://mda.donordrive.com/participant/convention).

## Veterans Group

The NALC Veterans Group is hosting a 2.6-mile Ruck March on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at NALC's 72nd Biennial Convention in Chicago. Sign up for \$40 and you'll receive a memorial T-shirt. Proceeds will support Chicago Veterans, a nonprofit organization that empowers veterans to take control of their transitions throughout life. Sign up now: [nalc-info.org/veterans-march](http://nalc-info.org/veterans-march).

## Convention baseball night tickets available for branch orders

NALC has reserved 3,500 tickets to the Chicago Cubs-Washington Nationals baseball game on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 9, for a special NALC Baseball Night at the 72nd Biennial Convention in Chicago.

The tickets are being made available by NALC to its branches for \$48 a ticket for NALC delegates and family members. Branches must purchase the tickets in blocks and must include a check for the total cost with their order. Tickets will not be sold individually. Due to the narrow and clogged streets around Wrigley Field, no shuttle bus service will be provided. Delegates can either take a taxi or use the Chicago Transit Authority's subway system.

Seating will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the date of receipt of full payment. There are no refunds. To obtain the tickets, mail in the Baseball Ticket Order Form along with a check for the entire amount. Branches must designate one individual to receive email confirmation of tickets.

The order form is available below or at [nalc.org/union-administration/nalc-convention#baseball](http://nalc.org/union-administration/nalc-convention#baseball).

*(Please print clearly)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserved tickets priced at \$48 each (payment enclosed.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Branch # \_\_\_\_\_ Branch contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Branch city \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**Name, phone number & email address of person receiving electronic tickets:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the form by **July 22**, with a check or money order with full payment, to:

NALC Baseball Night; 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144

