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Stamp Out Hunger seeks nonperishable items for food bank

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FAIRFIELD — A sturdy bag of food staples placed on or by mailboxes May 13 will help Stamp Out Hunger.

The annual food drive, celebrating its 25th year, is the largest single effort to combat hunger in America. It's also the largest single-day food drive for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Nonperishable food items such as peanut butter, pasta, rice, low-sugar cereal, and canned foods such as tuna, meat, stew, soup and vegetables are welcome.

Letter carriers collect the food items and deliver them to the food bank.

Stamp Out Hunger food drive in Contra Costa and Solano counties collected more than 196,000 pounds of food in 2016. More than 4 million pounds have been donated nationwide in the past 24 years.

The need for food assistance still exists for many families, according to a press release from the local food bank. In Contra Costa and Solano counties, 1 in 8 people turn to the food bank each month.

“This drive comes at a critical time,” said Larry Sly, executive director of the Food Bank, in a press release. “Donations tend to drop off after the holidays. Our collaboration with the National Association of Letter Carriers allows us to gather almost 200,000 pounds of food from a generous community every year through the Stamp Out Hunger food drive.”

Learn More About the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive at www.foodbankccs.org.