

Food drive is May 12

Letter carriers from more than 1,300 branches across the country were putting the finishing touches on preparations for the 20th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, set for Saturday, May 12—just as this *Postal Record* was reaching members' mailboxes.

Last year's drive brought in 70.2 million pounds of non-perishable food, raising the total weight of donations collected over the history of the drive to more than 1.1 billion pounds.

"Letter carriers lead this collection effort," NALC President Fredric Rolan-

do said, "but we owe thanks to our sponsors as well." This year's major sponsors are the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Campbell Soup Company, Valpak, U.S. Postal Service, United Way, AFL-CIO, Feeding America, Uncle Bob's Self Storage and AARP.

Questions regarding the food drive should be directed to NALC Director of Community Services Linda Giordano at 202-662-2489 or at giordano@nalc.org.

Coverage of this year's drive will appear in the June and July editions of this magazine. ☒



Rolando unveils honor wall for killed carriers



In conjunction with Workers Memorial Day, NALC President Fredric Rolando unveiled the new memorial to letter carriers fallen in the line of duty. The large plaque is on display at NALC Headquarters in Washington, DC, bearing the names of those killed while on their routes.

"As a union, our mission is to protect the safety of carriers," President Fredric Rolando said, "but our service shouldn't end with their lives. We have a commitment to honor their legacies as well."

The plaque includes the names of the carriers, their branches, the cities they carried mail in and the dates of their deaths. Submissions for the plaque can come only from a branch president, who should use the official form posted on the NALC website.

To be honored on the plaque, carriers must have died in the line of duty from accident or attack and not from natural causes or illness. President Rolando has extended the criteria to include any carrier who was away from the Postal Service on active duty in the armed forces, when he or she was killed, as well.

"We intend to make this a tradition, as a way to never forget those who gave their lives in the fulfillment of their duties," Rolando said.

Cities' Readiness Initiative pilot program launched in Louisville

More than 300 Louisville letter carriers have volunteered for a pilot program under which carriers would deliver supplies of emergency medicines to residents within 48 hours of a biological attack. This Cities' Readiness Initiative arrangement was formalized March 21 in a ceremony led by Mayor Greg Fischer. NALC Region 6 National Business Agent Pat Carroll, representing letter carriers, spoke at the event and discussed the various ways they serve the community.

