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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALLING ALL CHIPPEWA VALLEY RESIDENTS TO STAMP OUT HUNGER SATURDAY, MAY 9!

Saturday, May 9 marks the 33rd annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. This drive, created by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), is the largest annual one day food drive that happens in the Chippewa Valley. It benefits our local non-profit food pantries by stocking their shelves with thousands of pounds of non-perishable food. The food collected is then able to be distributed to residents right here in the Chippewa Valley who struggle with food insecurity. In United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley's service area, **17,350 individuals (11,250 in Eau Claire County & 6,100 in Chippewa County) identified as food insecure.** Let's work together to help our communities!

Make sure to mark those calendars for Saturday, May 9! We're taking the route of reducing, reusing, and recycling plastic bags that you most likely already have at home. Every resident will receive a reminder postcard shortly before the collection date of May 9. Please set the non-perishable goods next to your mailbox for your letter carriers and volunteers to collect.

Stamp Out Hunger is organized regionally by our local members of NALC, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA), Feed My People Food Bank, and United Way Greater Chippewa Valley.

We are also looking for organizations to host workplace food drives, happening May 1-8, with donation pickup Friday, May 8. Please register if you would like your mail carrier to drop off postal totes to hold your collected non-perishable goods: www.uwgcv.org/stamp-out-hunger. Otherwise, feel free to leave your donations next to your mail pick-up location on Friday, May 8.

This year's goal is to collect 60,000 pounds of non-perishable goods for our neighbors.
Together we can make a difference, let's help keep our communities fed.

Thank you so much!

