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Stamp Out Hunger Post Office Food Drive is May 8

To help Stamp Out Hunger this year, simply leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, like canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal, next to your mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 8. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans.people are asked to put non-perishable food donations by their mail boxes and the Liberal Post Office letter carriers will pick it up to be donated to the local non-profit food cupboard. For those who have a post office box, they may take the donation to the Post Office lobby and there is a receptacle for their donation.

In the past, the Liberal Letter Carriers food drive has averaged between 2,000 to 5,000 pounds of food, according to Monica Correll, who is heading up the food drive for the Liberal Post Office. ”This is the largest food drive in the nation,” said Correll, “and we’re always proud to be a part of it on a local level. More than 1,500 local National Association of Letter Carriers branches in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions are involved in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Last year, letter carriers across the country collected a record total of more than 73.4 million pounds of food.”

Something new this year, as part of its support for the drive, Campbell will donate one can of soup to Feeding America (up to one million cans) for each Facebook fan that joins the fight against hunger at www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger.

Dillons Supermarket and Best Market are participating again this year by setting up receptacles in their stores. “We thought that people might find it easier to donate while they are shopping,” said Correll. “This has really helped to increase the donations in the past.” Since 2001, the food drive has received the assistance and support of the Seward County United Way.

Correll said that if any business or the Liberal and Kismet schools also wanted to participate in the food drive, arrangements could be made to pick up food on Friday, May 7 or Monday, May 10. “They can contact me at the Post Office, 624-4031, or the Seward County United Way, 624-5400, and we’ll be happy to pick up the food.”

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