



Letter Carriers deliver big with food drive

Letter carrier Allison Schmuck, a member of Portland-based National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 82, gets a little help from her husband Allen and dog Kaz at the Stamp Out Hunger food drive sponsored by NALC. This year, more than 1.33 million pounds of food was collected in Oregon and Clark County, Wash. In addition, the drive raised \$74,459 in cash. National results were not tabulated at presstime. Close to 4,000 urban and rural letter carriers in Oregon and Clark County, Wash., joined letter carriers throughout the nation May 12 to collect food donations from postal customers while delivering their mail. The event has been billed as the largest one-day food drive in the nation. "What our letter carriers do on this one day is amazing," said Rachel Bristol, CEO of Oregon Food Bank, which collects and distributes the food through a network of four branches and 16 independent regional food banks. "This is truly a community effort involving thousands of volunteers who unload trucks at every post office, box the food, and load it onto donated semis for delivery to the regional food banks and food pantries."



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