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Volunteers needed to sort food donations

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb Food Program seeks volunteers to help sort more than a quarter million pounds of food it received from the annual National Association of Letter Carriers food drive on May 9.

“We hope individuals or groups of volunteers can give us a hand so we can get food to the people who need it most,” said Sue Figurski, Macomb Food Program coordinator. “Volunteers will help us sort canned and boxed non-perishable food from large totes and pack it into smaller boxes at our warehouse on Hall Road.”

Volunteer sorters are welcome weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information and directions to the warehouse, call 586-469-6004. Evening and weekend times also can be arranged for volunteer groups.

Once packed, the smaller boxes filled with donated food are distributed to the 55 local pantries in the Macomb Food Program network.

The mission of the Macomb Food Program is to provide food to hungry people in Macomb County. Macomb County residents with an urgent need for food call United Way 2-1-1 and are referred to a pantry in their area to pick up a supply of emergency food.

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In Macomb County alone, letter carriers collected 452,079 pounds of food – about 20,000 pounds less than last year. Of the amount collected May 9, the Macomb Food Program received 263,123 pounds of food – nearly 3,600 pounds less than 2008.

Nationwide, more than 70 million pounds of non-perishable food was collected to help restock the shelves of food banks, soup kitchens and pantries throughout America. The food drive is co-sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service.

“The food that volunteers sort helps us feed needy families, senior citizens, disabled veterans, the unemployed and underemployed, and homeless people throughout Macomb County,” Figurski said. “Thank you to everyone in Macomb County who graciously placed non-perishable food items by their mailbox on May 9.”

Figurski also thanked:

- Teamsters Union Local 299 of Detroit, which provided seven semi-trucks, fuel and drivers to transport the donated food from post offices to the warehouse
- Fraza Forklifts Inc. of Roseville, which donated heavy equipment to unload the food
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 of Roseville, which provided volunteers to sort and box food at the Shelby Township Post Office as letter carriers returned from their routes

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