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Delaware letter carriers to help Stamp Out Hunger on May 11

Newark, Del. (May 1, 2013) – On Saturday, May 11, Delaware letter carriers will again help Stamp Out Hunger in order to provide food assistance to Delawareans who depend on the Food Bank of Delaware's network of hunger-relief partners for support.

To help Stamp Out Hunger, simply leave a bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats and cereals next to the mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 11. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans. Postal customers will also receive a special Stamp Out Hunger plastic bag in their mailbox a few days prior to the drive.

Now in its 21st year, the Stamp Out Hunger effort is the nation's largest single-day food drive. Last year, letter carriers in Delaware collected more than 202,000 pounds of food for Delawareans struggling to put meals on the table. The 2012 amount was up 232 percent compared to what was collected in 2011.

"The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive comes at a very critical time for us," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "This annual food drive allows us to stock the shelves of our partner agencies just in time for the summer months. Last year Delawareans stepped up in a major way. The outpouring of support from the community was simply amazing. As letter carriers were returning to local post offices, we couldn't fill our trucks fast enough with the volume of donations coming in. We hope to exceed last year's total."

The Food Bank of Delaware's most needed food items include:

- Tuna fish
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned soups
- Canned meats

For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger effort visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes between seven and 10 million pounds of food and grocery products each year through its network of 508 hunger-relief program partners throughout the state and also provides thousands of meals a month for children through the After-School Feeding Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank's hunger-relief programs directly provide for 241,600 Delawareans at risk of going without meals each year. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit www.fbd.org or call (302) 292-1305.