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15TH ANNUAL STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE SET FOR MAY 12TH

SANTA BARBARA, CA, May 8, 2007 –On Saturday, May 12 the largest annual one-day food drive in the nation will take place. Local residents will be receiving post cards this week, letting everyone know how they can help. Customers will be asked to place non-perishable food items next to their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday. All food collected will go to local families through a network of 200 local helping agencies.

“Over 60 of our letter carriers will be picking up food for the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County on Saturday, and we are looking forward to making the drive a major success and doing our part to help *stamp out hunger* locally,” said Goleta Post Office manager, Steve Reeves.

Every year, letter carriers across the nation collect canned and packaged food items donated by customers for the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. In 2006 over 70 million pounds of food was raised across America, and this year the Foodbank is expecting to receive about 15,000 pounds of food.

“When thousands of people each put a little food by their mailboxes it grows into a mountain of caring, that will make a huge difference to local families in need,” said Jim Mangis, Foodbank executive director. “With the help of super heroes, like our postal carriers, we can ensure that everyone has a place at the table,” Mangis added.

About The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County – We are the largest hunger-relief organization in the county with a network of more than 200 member agencies and programs that distribute food county-wide. To find out more about the Foodbank go to www.foodbanksbc.org

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