

COMMENTARY



United States Postal Service letter carrier Greg Andregic holds the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive announcement. The food drive is today. JACQUELINE DORMER / THE REPUBLICAN-HERALD

Butler County asked to 'Stamp Out Hunger' today

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Guest Columnist

BUTLER COUNTY — Remember the song, "What a Difference a Day Makes?" There are two lines in that song that gets to the heart of my belief in the generosity of Americans — our willingness to pitch in and help out: "What a difference a day made, and that difference was you."

I believe that everyone who has the means to help will help when they are asked.

Today, May 13, we will have a chance to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable citizens by participating in the 25th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Last year, on this one day, all over the nation, our letter carriers collected over 81 million pounds of food from generous Americans, bringing their impressive 25-year total to more than 1.5 billion pounds. Butler County collected nearly 46,000 pounds last year.

Since 1995, nearly 1.3 million pounds of food has been donated by Butler Countians, willing to share by participating in the Letter Carriers food drive the second Saturday of May each year. Each of us, doing just a little, can make a difference in a hun-



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HOW TO HELP

Residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag — paper or plastic — containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, peanut butter, rice or cereal, next to their mailbox today, May 13, before the regular mail delivery. Letter carriers will collect donations left by residents.

gry person's life.

Please place a few canned or boxed goods by your mailbox today, May 13, for your letter carrier as you are having your morning coffee. Winston Churchill said it best, "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give."

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