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**Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Receives More than 91,000 Pounds of Food from Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

*Letter carriers help Food Bank provide critical support, collecting food and funds to support the community this summer.*

**VERONA, Va. (June 11, 2025)** – The annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive showcases the power of community generosity, collecting enough food and funds to help provide nearly 90,000 meals for individuals and families experiencing hunger. Locally, the food drive supports the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, gathering 91,588 pounds of food and $4,423 to help keep pantry shelves stocked during the busy summer months.

Stamp Out Hunger, hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers, is the nation's largest single-day food drive, uniting communities in a shared mission to end food insecurity.

Held on Saturday, May 10, the event saw residents across the Food Bank's 25-county service area leave donations at their mailboxes for letter carriers to collect. Volunteers stationed at local Post Offices helped sort and transport contributions to the Food Bank's four branch locations: Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Verona, and Winchester.

The total pounds collected from each participating Post Office location are as follows:

* Charlottesville: 8,452 pounds
* Lynchburg: 20,269 pounds
* Harrisonburg: 12,449 pounds
* Staunton: 13,666 pounds
* Waynesboro: 14,089 pounds
* Winchester: 16,909 pounds
* Additional sources: 6,875 pounds

"This food drive makes an incredible impact, arriving at a time when families need it most," said Michael McKee, CEO of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. "The generosity of our community and the dedication of letter carriers and volunteers ensure that thousands of families have access to nourishing food throughout the summer. We're deeply grateful for the support that makes Stamp Out Hunger such a success."

Summer can be particularly difficult for people experiencing hunger. When school is not in session, there is a greater demand for food resources, while donations often decrease. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive helps replenish food supplies, strengthening the Food Bank and its network of partner organizations as they provide groceries for people living with food insecurity.

For more information on supporting the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, visit [https://www.brafb.org](https://www.brafb.org/).

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**About the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**

The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization serving Western and Central Virginia. Founded in 1981, the Food Bank serves 25 counties and 8 cities through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and its headquarters in Verona. Each month, the Food Bank supports an average of 148,200 guest visits, reaching record numbers of Virginians through a network of nearly 400 community partners—food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and program sites. As a partner food bank of Feeding America®, the nation’s largest hunger-relief organization, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank pledges to continue innovating and adapting to secure, store, and distribute more food to more individuals, families, children, and seniors experiencing hunger. For more information, visit [www.brafb.org](http://www.brafb.org).

**About the National Association of Letter Carriers**

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) represents city delivery letter carriers across the country. Its 293,000 members make it the largest of the four unions representing employees of the United States Postal Service. Founded by Civil War veterans in 1889, NALC is among the country’s oldest labor unions.

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