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National Letter Carriers Pickup More Than Holiday Packages this Saturday During Their 12th Annual Holiday Food Drive

Santa Barbara, CA. – The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is lucky to be one of the recipients for the United States Postal Service and National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) 12th Annual Food Drive.

“The Foodbank staff is very grateful to the Letter Carriers for their hard work and generosity,” said Executive Director Jim Mangis. “With corporate surplus food donations and USDA food allotments decreasing this is wonderful gift for hungry in Santa Barbara County and will help to meet the increasing need for food.”

With the help of the residential postal customers, letter carriers in Goleta and Santa Barbara will help spread the holiday cheer by collecting food from their customers. “We’re all very excited about this,” said Goleta Branch Manager Steve Kobliska. “We are proud to do this and to give something to the community. Everyone is charged up and ready to go!”

Customers are invited to leave donations, before the letter carriers arrive, of non-perishable food items and canned goods (e.g., tuna, canned fruits, vegetables, stews, beans, soups and peanut butter) near their mailbox for pickup, **Saturday, December 8**. Letter carriers will also be picking up donations in Montecito and Carpinteria for other non-profits serving the area.

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Who: The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County and the National Association of Letter Carriers

What: National Association of Letter Carriers 12 Annual Food Drive
Goleta and SB Downtown Offices

Where: Customers of the following branches are invited to leave non-perishable food items for pickup by their mailboxes prior to letter carrier's pickup time.

Santa Barbara Downtown Post Office:
Jesus Reynoso - (805) 564-2226
836 Anacapa St.

Goleta Post Office:
Steve Kobliska (805) 692-5638
130 S. Patterson Ave.

When: **Saturday, December 8 – only**

Why: Food Drives play a critical role in keeping up the supply of the nutritious food for the more than 100,000 individuals, children, seniors and families in need.

About The Foodbank Santa Barbara County – We are the largest hunger-relief organization in the county, celebrating 25 years of service, with a network of more than 200 member agencies and programs. In 2006, we distributed over 6.5 million pounds of food locally with the help of our member agencies.

The programs receiving food from the Foodbank include churches, food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and senior programs. Hungry children make up 43% of the people receiving food from the Foodbank. For more on The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, please visit www.foodbanksbc.org. Thank you!