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Annual Town Wide Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to Take Place May 9th

Saturday May 9th marks the National Association of Letter Carriers' 23rd annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive to benefit Neighbor to Neighbor. This annual drive, by far the largest for Greenwich's local food pantry, has generated record donations of food each year since 2013. "This food drive comes at a time when our pantry shelves are running bare," says Neighbor to Neighbor Executive Director Nancy Coughlin. "Each week we provide nutritious food at no cost for 1,000 Greenwich residents, half of whom are children."

Watch for a yellow plastic shopping bag in each resident's mailbox during the week of May 5th. Residents are asked to fill the bag with non-perishable, non-expired food items to be donated to the food pantry. On Saturday, May 9, 2015, during their regular routes, letter carriers will collect the filled bags and bring them to Neighbor to Neighbor. Volunteers are needed to sort the donations, which then will be distributed to Greenwich residents in need.

Kings Food Markets generously donated the bags for this food drive as part of its Act Against Hunger initiative and its partnership with Neighbor to Neighbor. Customers can find a coupon code on the bag to be redeemed at the Kings' Old Greenwich location between May 8 – 10th.

"The Letter Carriers appreciate the community support for this food drive," says Greenwich food drive coordinator Howard Dinnerstein, "especially in light of tough economic times for a lot of people." Donations will assist seniors, working families, and the unemployed, as well as provide an extra supplement for children who receive free or reduced price lunch during the school year.

Neighbor to Neighbor is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving residents in need throughout the Greenwich area. We improve lives by providing for the exchange of food, clothing and basic living essentials in an atmosphere of kindness and respect. If you would like to donate time, food, or clothing to Neighbor to Neighbor, please visit our website at www.ntngreenwich.org.

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Photo: Glen Purdy with the record-breaking collection of 160 bags along one route.