

# CITY OF PALMDALE

## *MEDIA ALERT*

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### ***Photo\Interview Opportunity***

WHAT: Delivery of collected food items from National Association of Letter Carrier's (NACL) Food Drive to South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES).

WHEN: **Saturday, May 10 Best photo op:: Between 8 and 8:40 am at the Post Office; between 3:30 and 5 pm at SAVES**

WHERE: United States Post Office, 2220 E. Palmdale Blvd Palmdale; SAVES, 1002 East Ave Q-12, Palmdale

WHO: United States Postal Service carriers; SAVES Staff and volunteers

BACKGROUND: **The 22nd annual NALC Stamp Out Hunger food drive**—the nation's largest one-day drive—provides letter carriers, other postal employees and thousands of volunteers across the nation the opportunity to meld their forces together to conduct the drive in communities across America. Our goals: to help restock community food banks, pantries and shelters for needy families throughout the summer, and to build upon the 1 billion pounds of non-perishable food collected since 1992 from millions of generous postal customers. The drive is held each year on the second Saturday in May.

**SAVES** provides a practical and caring approach to serving people in need. The SAVES program was started in 1983 to offer assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing a temporary emergency situation.

**SAVES** is a proud partner of the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, a program of Labor Community Services and the National Association of Letter Carriers. This annual drive has resulted in the delivery of more than one billion pounds of donations to community food banks and pantries over the past 20 years. Last year the collection produced 42,000 pounds of food that supported SAVES for 3.5 months. On a monthly basis SAVES provides about 1,100 to 1,300

food orders which can translates in an average to 8,000 to 12,000 pounds of food per month.

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