

# PRESS RELEASE

## **Local Companies Volunteer to Transport *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Donations to Food Bank of South Jersey**

*The Food Bank of South Jersey is pleased to announce Hassett Air Express and RLS Logistics have volunteered to transport the anticipated 200,000 lbs of food donations from the Stamp Out Hunger campaign to the Food Bank's headquarters.*

**Pennsauken, NJ May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009:** A few weeks ago, the Food Bank of South Jersey learned that as a result of budget cuts during this challenging economic time, the Association of Letter Carriers would not be able to provide the trucks or manpower to transport all of the food collected during the *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive on May 9<sup>th</sup> from area post offices to local food banks, pantries and shelters.

During *Stamp Out Hunger*, the largest single day national food drive, United States Postal workers collect non-perishable food goods from postal customers to give to community food banks, pantries, and shelters. The Food Bank of South Jersey is the recipient of *Stamp Out Hunger* food donations made in the Camden, Burlington, Gloucester and Salem counties, and typically receives nearly 200,000 lbs of food, about 40% of all food donations it receives in a year, from the *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive.

Last week, the Food Bank of South Jersey sought help from members of the South Jersey community to transport food donations from area post offices to the Food Bank of South Jersey headquarters in Pennsauken, New Jersey. The Food Bank is happy to announce that Air Express and RLS Logistics have both volunteered their trucks and drivers to transport all *Stamp Out Hunger* food donations to the Food Bank's warehouse.

"The Food Bank of South Jersey is extremely grateful to Air Express and RLS Logistics for so generously agreeing to help us transport the food collected during *Stamp Out Hunger*," comments Val Traore, CEO of the Food Bank of South Jersey. "Without their help, almost 200,000 lbs of food would have gone to waste sitting in area post offices. Thankfully, we can now distribute this food to those people in need in South Jersey."

To learn more about the hunger-relief work the Food Bank of South Jersey is doing in Southern New Jersey, visit [www.foodbanksj.org](http://www.foodbanksj.org)

### **About the Food Bank of South Jersey**

The Food Bank of South Jersey is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit hunger-relief organization founded in 1985. Focused solely on the South Jersey region, the organization serves Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem counties. Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year of community service, the organization continues to serve as an agent for effective food rescue and charitable food distribution and has provided nearly 80 million pounds of food—the equivalent of 64 million meals—to thousands of families, seniors, individuals and children in need. The Food Bank of South Jersey is a member the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization – Feeding America™ (formerly America's Second Harvest®), the Nation's Food Bank Network™ as well as an affiliate of the United Way of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties.

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