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From the Executive Director of Redbud Area Ministries, Buchanan, Mi

We do not have enough words to express our gratitude! The staff of Redbud Area Ministries are so pleased and feeling very blessed by the tremendous outpouring of food donations from Buchanan and Galien, given for the United States Postal Service Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Given the current economic conditions of our country, we wondered how the turnout would be, but our Buchanan and Galien communities came through in spades! The final total of pounds of donated food & toiletry items came to 3502. This is approximately one month worth of distributions to our guests in need. This kind of support has always been a hallmark of our communities, and what a joy it is to see that this has not changed.

It should be noted that besides all the hours spent by our postal workers, there was another 29 volunteers at RAM who collectively donated over 106 staff hours that day, to make it all work.

Matthew 25:35 says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in". God bless each and every hand who made this drive a success, from the donors, to the mail carriers to the Redbud Area Ministries volunteers,..... ALL have contributed to our ability to meet the needs of struggling families.

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