

# FISH Food Pantry receives 25,000-pound donation

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**DOWNERS GROVE** – When it comes to donations to a local food pantry, there's no such thing as too much.

However, after a massive donation two weeks ago, the Downers Grove FISH Food Pantry may have come as close as it can get to that threshold.

On May 14, the pantry received 25,000 pounds of nonperishable food as part of the 24th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, hosted by the local postal office.

"It's the definition of extraordinary giving," said June Miller, the corresponding secretary with the nonprofit.

Local postal workers dropped off bags at the doorsteps of residents to fill with goods, then came to collect them on the day of the drive.

While it had long been an important donation drive for the pantry, Miller said this year was unparalleled. The previous year, it had set a high bar with 12,000 pounds, only half of the 2016 total.

Trucks began delivering the food at 10 a.m., with the last coming at 5:30 p.m. Miller credited the local postmen and women for accepting the extra work and effort for the betterment of the area.



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**Volunteers at the Downers Grove FISH Food Pantry sort through some of the more than 25,000 pounds of food May 20 that was donated through a local collection by post office workers as part of an annual drive.**

Loads came so quickly and bountifully that volunteers and members of the Downers Grove North High School football team working that day often couldn't keep up.

Whole sections and walkways of the

pantry were taken up by piles of food for days as volunteers scrambled to sort and store the food.

Much of the donations have been given out to other pantries, and Miller said the donations could last an esti-

mated five months alone serving more than 235 families each month.

"The people of the community came through to help our neediest neighbors," she said.

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