



Tri-City Volunteers

A Helping & Loving Hand For Those In Need.

Carrying More Than Letters

This past May, Tri-City Volunteers received a whopping 17,000 lbs of food donations collected by the Newark Post Office. That's worth about \$25,000! Every year the United States Post Office and the National Association of Letter Carriers run a nationwide *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive. Letter Carriers collect food donations on their routes while delivering and collecting the mail.



The Newark Post Office and their Food Drive Coordinator, Ms. Bobbye Brunson personally selected Tri-City Volunteers as beneficiary of their drive. Ms. Brunson has been a Letter Carrier with U. S. Post Office for nearly nineteen years. Several years ago she was injured and unable to work. While recovering it was hard for her to make ends meet especially with three kids to feed. Bobbye never forgot what a tremendous help it was to have the food she received while a client of TCV.

Upon returning to work, Bobbye immediately volunteered to be the branch's Food Drive Coordinator. She and the other Post Office volunteers organized the Food Drive and barbecue for the letter carriers as they return from their routes. This years volunteers, Federico, Janine, Virginia, Denise and Cathy collected donations from Newark's 32 routes then loaded them onto TCV's truck.

In addition to collecting donations from their routes, the Newark Post Office decided, to distribute barrels to local businesses. *Fremont Ford, Fremont Pontiac, Singer Buick, GMAC/ Pontiac, Saturn, Winn Volkswagen, AAA, Nordstrom, Sycamore Bay Apartments, and Food Maxx* all sponsored a barrel and returned them with donations. *Grocery Outlet* also sponsored a barrel and returned it full of fresh produce. *Ardenwood Challenger School* sponsored a barrel and returned with the most donations of all the sponsors proving that even the littlest hands can produce the biggest results.

In a year where the US Post Office reported, nationally, 2% return of what was expected, the Newark Post Office had one of their best years ever with over 100% expected return.

Tri-City Volunteers would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who donated food, their time and effort; including all the barrel sponsors, NALC Local 1280, Newark's Post Master Pamela Brooks, all the staff and letter carriers at the Newark Post Office, especially their volunteers, Cathy, Denise, Federico, Janine, Virginia, and Food Drive Coordinator Bobbye Brunson.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts from Tri-City Volunteers!!!!



By Susie Martinez