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ORLAND TOWNSHIP THANKS FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

Certificates of Appreciation were handed out at the Orland Township August Board meeting to a few key volunteers who participated in the 2018 "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive, according to the office of Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

Over the course of eight hours on a rainy Saturday in May, generous residents left bags of non-perishable food items by their mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up. At the end of the day, nearly 48,000 pounds of food were collected to re-stock the shelves of the Orland Township Food Pantry. An army of volunteers helped over the course of the next few days to move, sort and check expiration dates on all the donations. During the August Orland Township Board Meeting, Supervisor O'Grady personally presented certificates of appreciation, thanking them for helping to make the program a success.

"The U.S. Postal Service's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is a wonderful program that really shows the generosity of the community," said Supervisor O'Grady. "It does not, however, end on Saturday for us. It is a tremendous undertaking to move, sort and store the thousands of pounds of food donated and it could not be accomplished without the assistance of all our hardworking volunteers."

Suzanne Ashour accepted the certificate from Supervisor O'Grady on behalf of the Orland Park Prayer Center, who sent nearly 60 volunteers each day of the drive to help with the sorting.

Accepting the certificate on behalf of the Orland Park Post Office was Kay Ducett, who organized and coordinated the postal carrier routes to include delivery of the donations to Orland Township.

The U.S. Postal Service's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive was on Saturday, May 12.

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Photo Captions



Pictured (l-r): Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady, Suzanne Ashour from the Orland Park Prayer Center and Township Food Pantry Coordinator Robin Kassiss.



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