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## Postal Service to Release Thinking of You Stamps

What: The U.S. Postal Service will release five new stamps to help people send a note

of celebration, gratitude or just to say hi. These stamps let those we care about

know that we're thinking of them and affirm our love and affection.

The first-day-of-issue event for the Thinking of You Forever stamps will be held at the <u>Great American Stamp Show</u> in partnership with the <u>American Philatelic Society</u>. The ceremony is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is

being shared with the hashtag #ThinkingofYouStamps.

Who: Cara Greene, controller and vice president, United States Postal Service

**When:** Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. EDT

Where: The Great American Stamp Show

<u>Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland</u> — Hall C

300 Lakeside Ave. • Cleveland, OH 44113

**RSVP:** Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at:

usps.com/thinkingofyou

**Background:** These five new stamps from the U.S. Postal Service perfectly complement

letters and cards sent to brighten someone's day.

The pane of 20 stamps features five unique designs filled with a variety of

whimsical images, including flowers, balloons, cute animals, sweet treats and symbols of good luck. Capturing the excitement and delight of receiving a card in the mail meant just for you, each digital illustration uses a cohesive color palette to bring together the disparate icons in the designs. Words of encouragement and thoughtful affirmations surround the stamps on the pane in the same tones. Each greeting is die-cut and self-adhesive.

In good times and bad, checking in on friends and family provides an important connection. A feel-good, handwritten message, no matter the length, can boost spirits and bring relationships closer, despite miles of distance.

Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with original artwork by Ellen Surrey.

The Thinking of You stamps are being issued as Forever® stamps. These Forever stamps are always equal to the current First-Class Mail® one-ounce price.

## **Postal Products**

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the <u>Postal Store</u> at <u>usps.com/shopstamps</u>, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through <u>USA Philatelic</u> or at Post Office locations nationwide. For officially licensed stamp products, shop the <u>USPS Officially Licensed Collection</u> on <u>Amazon</u>.

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**Please Note:** The United States Postal Service is an independent federal establishment, mandated to be self-financing and to serve every American community through the affordable, reliable and secure delivery of mail and packages to nearly 165 million addresses six and often seven days a week. Overseen by a bipartisan Board of Governors, the Postal Service is implementing a 10-year transformation plan, *Delivering for America*, to modernize the postal network, restore long-term financial sustainability, dramatically improve service across all mail and shipping categories, and maintain the organization as one of America's most valued and trusted brands.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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