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## **San Joaquin RTD Leads Multi-Agency "Stuff the Bus" Food Drive**

(Stockton, CA) – San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stuff the Bus" food drive Friday, November 12, through Sunday, November 14, 2010. This year's Stuff the Bus will be bigger and better with two local transit agencies – Lodi Grapeline and Manteca Transit - joining RTD to hold simultaneous food drives in each city, using local staff, volunteers, and vehicles, to collect food for a non-profit agency in each community: the Emergency Food Bank of Stockton/San Joaquin, Salvation Army Lodi Corps, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Manteca.

RTD began Stuff the Bus in 1999 as a food drive campaign that encourages area residents to "stuff" an RTD bus with non-perishable food donations to benefit local non-profit agencies. Over the past several years, RTD and its campaign partners have collected over 100,000 pounds of food to help those in need during the holiday season.

Stuff the Bus will be held at the Food-4-Less stores in Lodi, Manteca, and on Hammer Lane and Lower Sacramento Road in Stockton. While there, participants can register to win a \$500 Food-4-Less gift card. Donations will be accepted Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Friday, November 12, Amanda King and Lucas of KWIN's Morning Block Party will be at the Stockton location broadcasting live while Maui Hernandez will be in Lodi, and Alexia will be in Manteca beginning at 6:00 a.m. until the bus is entirely filled.

Area food banks serve nutritious food to thousands of people daily and over 100,000 men, women, and children annually in San Joaquin County. RTD and its campaign partners, Lodi Grapeline, Manteca Transit, Citadel Broadcasting, The Record, and Food-4-Less are proud to serve our community through the annual "Stuff the Bus" food drive and to assist the food banks in feeding the area's hungry during the holiday season.

For more information on "Stuff the Bus," including a list of suggested food items needed for donation, visit [www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/stuffthebus](http://www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/stuffthebus). For event updates, follow RTD on Facebook.

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