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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 15th Annual Stuff the Bus food drive Friday, November 22, through Sunday, November 24, 2013. RTD will once again lead a countywide effort, joined by transit providers in Lodi and Escalon. These agencies, along with RTD, will hold simultaneous food drives modeled on RTD's annual event in each city using their vehicles, staff, and volunteers to collect food for a nonprofit agency in their communities. The food collected in this year's campaign will go toward feeding thousands of San Joaquin County residents this holiday season.

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 nonprofit agencies. Over the past 14 years, RTD and its campaign partners have collected 178,392 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 and on Lower Sacramento Road in Stockton and Big Boy Market in Escalon. Participants can register to win a \$500 Food 4 Less gift card while at the Stockton store or receive 10% off any food purchased for the event at Big Boy Market in Escalon.

At the Stockton Food 4 Less, donations will be accepted Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the Lodi and Escalon locations, donations will be accepted Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Friday, November 22, Maui Hernandez and Lucas of KWIN's Morning Block Party will be at the Stockton location broadcasting live, while Amanda King will be in Lodi and Jiggy will be in Escalon 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, Escalon eTrans, KWIN/KWNN (97.7/98.3), The Record, Food 4 Less, and Big Boy Market 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. For event updates, follow San Joaquin RTD on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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