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## **RTD Announces its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stuff the Bus Food Drive**

Stockton, CA—San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is excited to announce its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stuff the Bus Food Drive. This highly-anticipated community event will bring together individuals and organizations supporting those facing food insecurity. With rising inflation of food prices and an increase in families visiting food banks for the first time, this year's event is more crucial than ever.

Since its inception in 1998, this signature food drive has grown in participation and impact, providing over 215 tons of food to individuals and families in need across San Joaquin County. This year, the goal is to surpass previous donation records and make an even greater impact with the help of dedicated volunteers, partners, and generous donors.

Non-perishable food items are accepted at the following locations and times:

<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
Food 4 Less 789 W Hammer Lane Stockton, CA 95210	Friday, November 17	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 18	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday, November 19	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
University of the Pacific Alex G. Spanos Center 1178 Larry Heller Drive Stockton, CA 95211	Monday, November 20	4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Community Medical Centers • 7210 Murray Drive • 1721 Hammer Lane • 1031 Waterloo Road • 83 W. March Lane	November 1 – 17	Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (hours vary by location)

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This event is expected to draw hundreds, if not thousands, of participants; all united in the goal of making a difference and supporting those in need during the holiday season. In addition to accepting non-perishable food donations, RTD will also collect monetary donations to purchase fresh produce and other essential groceries for families experiencing food insecurity. Individuals who are unable to visit the locations can still make a difference by getting involved and donating through [donatenow.networkforgood.org/stuffthebus](https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/stuffthebus).

The University of the Pacific is offering free admission to both their Men's and Women's Basketball game for anyone who donates five or more non-perishable food items at their location. For more information, please visit [PacificTigers.com/sports/2022/12/15/promotions.aspx](https://PacificTigers.com/sports/2022/12/15/promotions.aspx).

All food and monetary donations collected during the Stuff the Bus food drive will benefit the [Emergency Food Bank Stockton/San Joaquin](https://www.emergencyfoodbankstockton.com/), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing food assistance to those in need throughout San Joaquin County. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference.

For more information about the food drive, please visit [sjRTD.com/stuffthebus](https://sjRTD.com/stuffthebus).

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is the regional transit provider for San Joaquin County. RTD's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region. For more information visit [sjRTD.com](https://sjRTD.com), follow RTD on Facebook and Twitter, or call (209) 943-1111.