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## **SunLine Transit Agency to Hold Annual Fill the Bus Food Drive TOMORROW**

**(Thousand Palms, CA)** SunLine Transit Agency will launch its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Food Drive tomorrow, Thursday, November 17, 7:00am to 7:00pm. SunLine will park a bus at three grocery store locations in the Coachella Valley to help two worthwhile organizations get through the Holidays.

This year's event benefits two outstanding community organizations: Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Food Now. These organizations are supported by the generosity of Coachella Valley residents. SunLine invites the community to help fill the bus with non-perishable food items, frozen meats and other assorted trimmings for holiday meals. SunLine also asks residents to donate new packaged toiletries, personal hygiene products, diapers and other household products.

"SunLine staff and volunteers from Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Food Now will be onsite to accept donations, greet donors, assist with drop-offs and thank the community for their generosity," said Lauren Skiver CEO/General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency. "Fill the Bus brings much-needed relief to the community during the holiday season and we are looking forward to assisting individuals and families in the Coachella Valley."

The locations of the buses this year are as follows:

- **Walmart:** 34-500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, CA
- **Stater Bros:** 78-630 Highway 111, La Quinta (Hwy. 111 & Washington)

**Ralphs:** 1733 East Palm Canyon Drive, Smoke Tree Village Shopping Center, Palm Springs

For more information, call Norma Stevens at (760) 343-3456.

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*SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit [sunline.org](http://sunline.org).*