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SunLine Transit Agency to Host the 3rd Annual ‘Pack the Bus’ Backpack & School Supply Drive

Mecca Boys & Girls Club to Receive & Distribute Backpacks and Supplies Collected

(Thousand Palms) - School will soon be in session, but many local students are not able to shop for that new backpack or school supplies. On Saturday, August 13th, SunLine Transit Agency is once again holding its **‘Pack the Bus’ Backpack & School Supply Drive**, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Walmart located at 34500 Monterey Avenue in Palm Desert. This event is put on in partnership with the Palm Desert Sunset Rotary, KMIR-TV, Alpha Media and Walmart.

The Mecca Boys & Girls Club will be this year’s beneficiary of the drive, a local organization which provides events and programs for local youth as well as a teen center. Its mission is to save and enhance the lives of the young people in the community, especially those with economic and/or social needs, by offering a safe haven and meaningful youth development programs provided by a caring and qualified staff. The Mecca Boys & Girls Club will distribute supplies and backpacks raised through this drive to local students in need.

“We encourage those in all local communities to come out on August the 13th and help us pack this bus!” said Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency “We have the perfect vehicle to fill and deliver these much-needed backpacks and supplies to local kids, and we’re happy to dedicate it for this purpose as it is such a worthy effort.”

The goal is to top what was collected at last year’s **‘Pack the Bus’ Backpack & School Supply Drive** – more than 3,000 items and 300 backpacks. In addition to backpacks, school supplies can include crayons, markers, pencils, note pads, binders, erasers, rulers, and glue. All items should be new and unused.

Members of SunLine’s management team, staff and volunteers from the Mecca Boys & Girls Club, will be on site to greet donors, assist with drop-offs and thank the community for their generosity.

For anyone wishing to donate items but unable to deliver them on August 13th, contact Norma Stevens at (760) 343-3456 to learn more about alternate drop-off locations available prior to August 13th.

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