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SunLine Participates in the 7th Annual Fill the Bus Food Drive

(Thousand Palms, CA) March 24, 2014 • For seven years, SunLine has sponsored the "FILL THE BUS" food drive every holiday season. Hunger in the Valley happens year round and after speaking with recipients of past food drives, they were clear that there is still a great need for food during the summer.

So SunLine and the Palm Desert Rotary have teamed up to help non-profit charity organizations including Food Now and the Galilee Center.

Indio Councilmember and Chairman of SunLine's Board of Directors, Glenn Miller says, "This is a perfect time for the community to help struggling families. If you are a seasonal resident, it's a chance to clean out your pantry before heading back home. If you're a full-time Valley resident, it's just a chance to give back to the community." SunLine General Manager, Lauren Skiver, says, "As the Agency's focus on the community goes beyond providing public transit, we again ask our generous part-time and full-time residents to assist those less fortunate."

Residents may donate non-perishable food items at one of our drop sites located throughout the Valley:

Law Offices of Naran Reitman Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce 75100 Mediterranean / Palm Desert 72559 Hwy 111 / Palm Desert

I-10 Toyota SunLine Transit Agency

78980 Varner Rd / Indio 20825 Harry Oliver Trl / Thousand Palms

Additional drop sites include Desert Falls Country Club, Palm Valley Country Club, Monterey Country Club at Indian Ridge, Sun City and Mission Hills.

More information about SunLine can be found at <u>sunline.org</u>. • Media inquiries contact Norma Stevens at 760-250-5366 or e-mail <u>nstevens@sunline.org</u>.

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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.