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SunLine Transit Agency's 'Pantry to People' Food Collection Event Happening This Saturday, March 19th

(Thousand Palms, CA) SunLine Transit Agency is partnering with the Palm Desert Rotary, KMIR-TV and Mix 100.5 to host the 3rd Annual 'Pantry to People' food collection event, happening this Saturday, March 19th from 7am to 7pm. The event will be held at the Albertsons located at 74-590 Highway 111 in Palm Desert. 'Pantry to People' will benefit the Galilee Center – which provides fresh produce and non-perishable food items to more than 300 individuals weekly.

The focus of the event is to encourage people to contribute non-perishable food, canned foods, diapers and toiletries by bringing them to the SunLine bus parked at Albertsons this Saturday, March 19th. All donations will be delivered to the Galilee Center.

"We really want to get the word out for seasonal residents and snowbirds to bring their unused pantry items to this event before they leave the Coachella Valley," said Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency. "We've heard from a number of property management companies in the area that when visitors leave their rentals or second homes, food is left behind to expire. This is a way to clear out their pantry and donate food items to others who are in need. It's truly a win-win opportunity."

For permanent residents or those that do not have items in their pantry to donate, Albertsons will have some of the most necessary items at the front of the store available for purchase – which can easily be brought onto the SunLine bus.

Last year, SunLine Transit Agency collected 2.5 tons of food. The Agency hopes to exceed that amount this year.

For more information, call Norma Stevens at 760-343-3456 Ext. 1613 or e-mail Norma at nstevens@sunline.org

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About SunLine

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 www.sunline.org.