

## **Press Release**

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## Day of Stuffing Planned for November 17 Event Part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Stuff-A-Bus Food Drive

(Peoria, IL) -- On Friday, November 17, the fourth annual "Day of Stuffing" will be held at the Kroger store located at 801 W. Lake Ave. in Peoria. Part of the Stuff-A-Bus food drive, this event is held to encourage donations for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual campaign that benefits the food pantry at the Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service.

The pubic is asked to bring donations, or purchase items at Kroger, and place the items on the classic 1975 CityLink bus. Several area businesses and organizations that have hosted food drives at their offices to benefit Stuff-A-Bus are invited to drop off their donations that day.

Representatives from CityLink, the Peoria Friendship House, the Amalgamated Transit Union #416 and volunteers will be at the store beginning at 6:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day until 6:00 p.m., accepting food donations. Donated items will be loaded on to the classic GP Transit (CityLink) bus in hopes of making a significant contribution to the goal of collecting 10 tons of food to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the food drive.

Here's how people can help fill the bus:

- Pre-bagged items will be available at the event for purchase from Kroger in increments of \$3, \$5 and \$10. Purchased bags will be placed directly on the CityLink bus.
- Cash donations will also be accepted.
- Shoppers can also select other non-perishable items to purchase as they shop. Suggested items include:
  - Baby Food, Diapers; Canned Meats; Tuna; Soups & Stews; Beans; Cereals; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Vegetables & Fruits; Whole Grain Rice or Pasta

WMBD will broadcast live from the Kroger store during the day's newscasts. Updates on the event will be provided throughout the day on the Peoria Cumulus radio stations (97.3 NASH-FM, 105.7 the X Rocks, 95.5 GLO and Peoria's 92.3) and on the Stuff-A-Bus Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/stuffabuspeoria</u>), @CityLinkPeoria on Twitter using the hashtag #StuffABusPeoria and the Peoria Friendship House Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/peoriafriendshiphouse</u>).

Peoria Chiefs' mascot, Homer, will also make a special appearance from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information on the Stuff-A-Bus food drive to benefit the Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service, please visit <u>www.ridecitylink.org/stuffabus</u> or "like" the Stuff-A-Bus Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/stuffabuspeoria</u>.