



### **Third Annual MVTA Stuff the Bus Event Stocks Food Shelves**

*Stuff the Bus 2018 Nov. 28 – Dec. 9 to Support Dakota and Scott Counties*

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and Schmitt & Sons transit company are asking south metro residents to donate food and cash to help people in need this holiday season.

The third annual *Stuff the Bus* charity fundraiser runs Nov. 28 through Dec. 9. Throughout the two-week period, an MVTA bus will be located at grocery stores in Dakota and Scott counties. A collection barrel will also be located inside Burnsville Transit Station and at Prior Lake City Hall.

MVTA riders and the public are encouraged to drop off nonperishable food items and cash donations. Cash donations will be placed inside the bus fare box.

All contributions and proceeds will benefit the 360 Communities and CAP Agency food shelves in the two counties.

The past two charitable drives collected about 2 tons of donations. Organizers are optimistic this year's campaign will exceed that total. Highest-of-need items at local food shelves are nonperishable and include canned fish and meat, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, rice and pasta, and cooking/baking items.

"A lot of hard work, planning and goodwill goes into this event and it gets better every year," said MVTA Executive Director Luther Wynder. "It is truly inspiring how many people participate to help Minnesotans. The generosity and community spirit are what make the holidays so special. We are excited to partner with Schmitt & Sons transit company, as well as Cub Foods and Hy-Vee, on this year's *Stuff the Bus* campaign."

The two nonprofit organizations help an expansive network of recipients in need. 360 Communities serves more than 10,000 people annually with emergency food and resources at locations in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Farmington, Lakeville and Rosemount. CAP Agency's food shelf in Shakopee provides immediate food and resources to individuals and families to bridge them through difficult times and help them reach self-sufficiency.

*(See the detailed schedule to learn when and where to contribute below)*

## Stuff the Bus Schedule:

Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Cub Foods in Rosemount.

Friday, Nov. 30, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Cub Foods in Apple Valley.

Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cub Foods in Eagan (Town Centre).

**Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cub Foods in Burnsville (Heart of the City).**

Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Hy-Vee in Savage.

Friday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Cub Foods in Savage.

Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hy-Vee in Shakopee.

Sunday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cub Foods in Shakopee.

To learn more information on the Stuff the Bus campaign, visit <https://www.mvta.com>.



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## About MMTA

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority is the public transportation agency for seven suburbs located approximately 15 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan and Rosemount in Dakota County; and Savage, Prior Lake and Shakopee in Scott County. For more information, visit: <https://www.mvta.com/> or call Customer Service at 952-882-7500.