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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stuff the Bus toy drive for families in need slated for Saturday (Dec. 5)

BOISE – The 13th annual Stuff the Bus toy drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 5) outside local Fred Meyer stores.

The goal of Stuff the Bus is to fill ValleyRide buses with new, unwrapped toys (or gift cards) for children of all ages. The Salvation Army will distribute the items to families in need throughout the community in time for Christmas.

ValleyRide, the transit services division of Valley Regional Transit (VRT), will provide the buses and drivers. VRT staff and Board members will assist dozens of volunteers from the Salvation Army at the collection sites. At the end of the event, the toys will be bagged up and transported by bus to Salvation Army distribution centers in Boise and Nampa.

The ValleyRide buses will be parked at or near the main entrances of the six Fred Meyer stores in the Treasure Valley:

- 5230 Franklin Road on the Boise Bench
- 3527 S. Federal Way in southwest Boise
- 10751 W. Overland Road in west Boise
- 5425 W. Chinden Blvd. in Garden City
- 1850 E. Fairview Road in Meridian
- 50 2nd Street South in Nampa

In the 12 years Valley Regional Transit has participated in Stuff the Bus, more than 55,000 toys have been donated.

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