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DART's 15th Stuff the Bus Thanksgiving Food Drive

DART First State today announced that it will hold the 15th annual Stuff The Bus Thanksgiving Food Drive throughout the State starting on November 5 and ending on November 9. The public is invited to help Stuff The Bus by donating nonperishable food items such as canned goods, boxed cereal, and household products such as paper products, laundry detergents, and side dishes. The Food Bank of Delaware, located in Newark, will distribute the donated food via its 440 hunger-relief partners in Delaware. Last year, the DART First State Stuff the Bus food drive stuffed three 30 foot buses and collected 11.2 tons of food for Delawareans in need, thanks to the generosity of the public, including several schools and businesses.

Stuff The Bus 2012 will be collecting food at five sites throughout the State. The site locations, collection dates, and times are:

Monday, November 5, Walmart, 939 N. DuPont Highway in Milford 8 AM - 6 PM AND Acme, North Dover Center in Dover 8 AM - 6 PM Wednesday, November 7, Acme, Fairfax Shopping Center, US 202 in Wilmington 8 AM - 5 PM Thursday, November 8, Rodney Square (Market Street side) in Wilmington 7 AM - 5 PM Friday, November 9, Rodney Square (Market Street side) in Wilmington 7 AM - 1 PM There will be live radio broadcasts with EAGLE 97.7 and COOL 101.3 all day long on Monday, at both the Walmart in Milford and Acme in Dover. On Thursday at Rodney Square, WJBR will broadcast from 11 AM to 1 PM.

At each collection site, DART First State will be staffing an exhibit that will also provide public transit and food bank information to visitors. DART First State also encourages the public to donate directly to the Food Bank of Delaware if they are unable to visit any of the Stuff The Bus collection sites. For more information on donating food, contact the Food Bank at 302-292-1305, or visit their website at <u>www.FBD.org</u>.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. For information on fixed route bus services statewide, please call 1-800-652-DART or visit www.DartFirstState.com.

