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AVTA STUFF-A-BUS

LANCASTER –The Antelope Valley Transit Authority is working to stuff a 40-foot bus with new toys and new clothing to help local families this holiday season. Donations are now being accepted and local residents are encouraged to help if they can.

AVTA's Stuff-A-Bus will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in front of the A.V. Mall. The mall will be giving away a \$5 gift card to anyone who donates a \$10 toy or clothing item that was purchased inside the mall during the AVTA Stuff-A-Bus event.

Not only will you see AVTA's holiday bus in all its decorated glory but valley residents can expect to take part in some holiday cheer with music from KMIX radio set to broadcast live during the event followed by another live broadcast from the Edge. Volunteers from the Children's Center will also be on hand to help our younger shoppers take part in a holiday craft.

"We are proud to continue our tradition of helping local families in need," expressed AVTA's Executive Director Julie Austin. "It is especially critical this year as families continue to struggle due to the weak economy."

All donated toys and clothing will be given to Grace Resource Center, the Children's Center of the Antelope Valley, along with One Way Up, the Children's Bureau, Antelope Valley and the Child and Family Guidance Center. "We are pleased to be apart of this event and have faith that residents of the Antelope Valley will continue to be generous with their giving," stated Grace Resource Center Executive Director Steve Baker. "That's just the way our community rolls."

AVTA's Stuff-A-Bus is being sponsored by several local businesses who have generously donated toys, time and money. Our major sponsors include Checkered Flag Plumbing, Granite Construction, and Palmdale Robertson Honda along with the

Antelope Valley Mall, High Desert Broadcasting and Four Star Printing. We are also proud to partner with Alameda Metals, Calvary Chapel Palmdale and Wingstop.

Residents don't have to wait until our Stuff-A-Bus event to donate. New toys and new clothing are currently being accepted at our AVTA offices located at 42210 6th Street West in Lancaster. You can make a cash donation as well and AVTA's staff will do the holiday shopping for you! For more information on how you can be part of this toy drive, contact Wendy Williams at 729-2239 or e-mail at wwilliams@avta.com. Help us stuff that bus!

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