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SunLine Transit Agency Invites Public to Join in Supporting its 2nd Annual 'Pack the Bus' Backpack & School Supply Drive

(Thousand Palms, CA) School will soon be in session, but many local students are not able to shop for that new backpack or school supplies. On Thursday, August 13th, SunLine Transit Agency is once again holding its 'Pack the Bus' Backpack & School Supply Drive, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Walmart parking lot at 34500 Monterey Avenue in Palm Desert.

The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission will be this year's beneficiary of the drive, a local organization that has spent more than 4 decades meeting the ever-growing needs of individuals – who, for a variety of reasons – have found themselves without the basic necessities of life. The Rescue Mission will then provide the supplies and backpacks raised through the drive to local students in need.

"We have the perfect vehicle to fill and deliver these much-needed backpacks and supplies to local kids, and we encourage those in all local communities to come out on August the 13th and help us pack this bus!" said Lauren Skiver, General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency.

At last year's inaugural 'Pack the Bus' Backpack & School Supply Drive, SunLine collected more than 3,000 items and has the goal of topping that this year. In addition to backpacks, school supplies can include crayons, markers, pencils, note pads, binders, erasers, rulers, and glue. All items should be new and unused.

Members of SunLine's management team, including CEO/General Manager, Lauren Skiver, staff and volunteers from the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, will be onsite to greet donors, assist with drop-offs and thank the community for their generosity.

For more information, call Norma Stevens at (760) 343-3456.

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SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit sunline.org.