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Emerald Joins Fight Against Hunger

Councilmember Marti Emerald will join with military families, the San Diego Food Bank, and the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to “Stuff the Bus” - the annual food drive event to collect non-perishable food items for San Diego families. The kick-off is tomorrow morning, December 7th, at 8am at the San Diego Armed Forces YMCA, 3293 Santo Road, in Tierrasanta.

“The need this year is unprecedented. Within the City of San Diego alone, requests for meals have increased by 72% over the past two years, with equally stunning numbers from other cities in San Diego County,” said Emerald, who is also an MTS board member.

The economy, unemployment, and cost of living increases all contribute to the challenges facing families. “So many hard-working San Diegans, many of whom are members of our military, are struggling to pay bills and still have something left for groceries. Let’s all pitch in and share in the true holiday spirit,” Emerald added.

Councilmember Emerald is a long-time supporter of the San Diego Food Bank and helping families who are working to make ends meet. Last week, Emerald and her staff volunteered at the Food Bank’s warehouse, sorting canned and dry food items, checking closely for expiration dates and package conditions to make certain donated foods were safe to distribute.

The actual “Stuff the Bus” Food Drive is this Saturday, December 11th from 9am – 2pm, at ten area Von’s Stores. For more information: www.sdmts.com.

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