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### **The Bloomington Normal Public Transit System and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752 Announce the Ninth Annual Stuff-the-Bus Event**

**Normal, IL** – The Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (BNPTS) and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752 (ATU) are challenging the Bloomington-Normal community to "stuff" a BNPTS bus full of donated items to benefit the Children's Home + Aid Crisis Nursery.

Starting Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Stuff-the-Bus bus will be parked at a different retail location in the Bloomington-Normal area each day to receive donations. Stuff the Bus is seeking non-perishable food, new clothes, new toys, diapers and other items for use by children aged infant to 6 years old during their stay in the Crisis Nursery. Donations will also be accepted on every BNPTS fixed route bus as well. Stuff the Bus volunteers will have shopping list flyers available at each donation location.

The donation locations are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 5th: Normal Wal-Mart – front of store
- Tuesday, Dec. 6th: Cub Foods – front of store
- Wednesday, Dec. 7th: Bloomington Wal-Mart – front of store
- Thursday, Dec. 8th: Jewel Food Store on Veterans Pkwy – front parking lot facing College Ave.
- Friday, Dec. 9th: K-Mart – front parking lot of store

Donations will be accepted from 10am - 8pm Monday – Thursday, and 10am - 2pm on Friday.

After 2pm on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Stuff-the-Bus bus will be driven in to the Children's Home + Aid Crisis Nursery in Bloomington where representatives of the Children's Home + Aid will accept the donated items.

"This event provides the Crisis Nursery with enough supplies to take care of children in need for an entire year," said Mick Farrell, President of the ATU Local 752. "The members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752 are excited to take a lead role in this event and look forward to collecting record donations in 2011."

“The Bloomington Normal Public Transit System is proud to once again take part in supporting the important work of the Children’s Home + Aid Crisis Nursery,” said Andrew Johnson, BNPTS General Manager. “And this year we are especially happy to work in partnership with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752, whose help will no doubt make this the best Stuff the Bus event ever.”

For more information about the 2011 Stuff-the-Bus Event, please contact Trish Tilton at 828-9331.

The Bloomington Normal Public Transit System has provided reliable and affordable public transportation to the Bloomington-Normal community since 1972.

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