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Golden Empire Transit Distributes 350 Bags of Food to Bakersfield Residents

Bakersfield, CA — Golden Empire Transit District (GET) held its quarterly food distribution on July 19, 2019, with the help of Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) Food Bank. 350 bags of food were distributed to thankful Bakersfield residents downtown behind the Self Help Federal Credit Union.

Distribution began at 9 a.m. and lasted until all food was given out to those in need. Excited individuals and families began lining up to receive non-perishable food at 6 a.m. CAPK Food Bank also provided produce and dairy products at the event. Self Help Credit Union, Clinica Sierra Vista, Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance (GBLA), Child Support Services, Garden Pathways, CityServe, United Way, Kern County Public Health, Catholic Charities, Kern County Department of Human Services, and Kern Family Healthcare provided free information and services at a Resource Fair held during the Food Distribution.

GET has hosted food distributions for several years as a way to give back to the community it serves. Last April, the District began increasing the amount of food distributed from 250 bags to 350. Those who received bags of food were extremely appreciative for the opportunity.

The District was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) Humanitarian Awards Banquet last May due in part to its continued and successful food distributions. "Our goal is to distribute food four times a year to impact the lives of people who don't know where their next meal is coming from." said GET CEO Karen King. "Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made this distribution a record-breaking success." The next food distribution will be in October 2019.

GET was formed in July 1973 and is the primary public transportation provider for the Bakersfield Urbanized Area. It is the largest public transit system within a 110-mile radius. The District's legal boundary includes Bakersfield city limits as well as adjacent unincorporated areas. GET has a fleet of 90 compressed natural gas buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and bike racks. GET serves 16 routes, operating 7 days a week and transporting more than 6 million passengers each year with its fixed-route buses. In addition, GET operates 21 compressed natural gas GET-A-Lift buses. For more information, visit www.getbus.org or call 869.2GET (2438).

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