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Blackfalds residents Invited to Stuff a Bus with food donations for those facing food insecurity

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Blackfalds residents are encouraged to take part in a community-wide effort to support the local food bank by participating in the annual "Stuff a Bus" Food Drive on Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Organized by dedicated community members, including Brenda Dennis, Administration Assistant with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' (RDCRS) Transportation Department, the event aims to collect non-perishable food items for the Beyond Food Community Hub, the Blackfalds Food Bank, and Blackfalds Family & Community Support Services (FCSS).

School buses will be stationed at two convenient locations in Blackfalds to receive donations:

- IGA (6005 Parkwood Road)
- Save On Foods (4500 Blackfalds Crossing Way, #105)

"We are calling on the generosity of our community to help stock the shelves of our local food banks," said Brenda Dennis. "Every donation, no matter how small, will make a significant difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity in Blackfalds."

Residents are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, and other pantry staples. Monetary donations can also be made directly to the Blackfalds Food Bank.

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This effort aligns with the current RDCRS theme, *“Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.”* Throughout the year students and staff have been focused on bringing the love of Christ to our communities through service projects and partnerships with charitable organizations, such as the Food Bank. These acts of service allow students to put their faith into action while strengthening families and their communities.

Join us on Saturday, April 5th, and help us stuff the buses to support those in need!

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,600 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 950 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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