

STUFF-A-BUS

This year marks the 34th year **CityLink** has sponsored the Stuff-A-Bus Food Drive to benefit the food pantry at the **Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service** and this year it takes place Oct. 22, 2021-Nov. 30, 2021. On a weekly basis, the Friendship House food pantry provides an average of **400 meals weekly** to those dealing with hunger in Peoria.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL THE BUS!

The Stuff-A-Bus planning committee is looking for schools, churches, organizations and businesses who would like to partner with us for the food drive.

Peoria is experiencing a food crisis -- especially the urban center. What does that mean?

- Some of the children in the Peoria Public Schools only get good nutrition during the week while at school. Many children go hungry on the weekend.
- With grocery store closures, food deserts are becoming even more prominent: A food desert is an area in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food.
- The majority of the people served at the Peoria Friendship House live below \$13,000 per year.

Here's how you can help:

- Host a food drive at your school/church/organization/business;
- Have your business/organization serve as a drop off location;
- Volunteer during the food drive: Greet shoppers at Kroger stores and hand-out shopping lists;
- Volunteer to sort and box food for storage after the drive concludes on Nov. 30.

To involve your organization, contact:

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**WHEN YOU GIVE FOOD,
YOU GIVE HOPE.**

