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## **Record 5,701 Pounds of Food Donated at Wheels Annual Stuff a Bus Holiday Food Drive**

**LIVERMORE, Calif., December 8, 2015** – Tri-Valley residents were extremely generous in donating 5,701 pounds of food at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Wheels “Stuff a Bus” holiday food drive. The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels bus system in the Tri-Valley, hosted its annual “Stuff-A-Bus” holiday food drive in support of the Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry. For the second year, Safeway Supermarkets hopped on board to host the holiday food drive at three of its Tri-Valley stores. Wheels bus drivers, LAVTA staff and other volunteers collected non-perishable food donations to help bring good cheer to families this holiday season. This year’s collection was record-setting, with a 34% increase from last year’s donations.

“We are very pleased at the outpouring of donations this year. It greatly helps those Tri-Valley residents in need of food, especially around holiday time,” said Chair of the Board, Don Biddle.

Safeway donated 100 turkeys as their contribution in the food drive. They also provided twenty \$25 gift cards as prizes as part of radio station KKIQ live cast at the Livermore Safeway location. Participants there spun a prize wheel for the gift cards, Wheels bus passes and other donated items.

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From left to right: 4-H Volunteer, 4-H Volunteer, Dennis Mochon (LAVTA), Linda McKeever (Open Heart Kitchen), Ann King (Tri Valley Haven), Mayor John Marchand (Livermore)



For more information on Wheels, visit [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com).

### **About the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority**

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is the provider of the Wheels fixed bus routes and paratransit service in the Tri-Valley area. Wheels was founded in 1985 by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and Alameda County to serve the community's transit needs and interests. Wheels mission is to provide equal access to a variety of safe, customer oriented, reliable, and affordable public transportation choices, increasing the mobility and improving the quality of life of those who live, work in or visit the Tri Valley.

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Wheels supports environmental sustainability by eliminating thousands of car trips off local roads, easing traffic congestion and helping to keep the air clean in Tri-Valley. We are able to continually provide services through the support of federal, state and local funding, including Alameda County's Measure B. Wheels serves nearly 2 million customers a year with our Wheels fixed bus routes and our paratransit services.

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