

## MEDIA ALERT

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## Rewind 100.9 kicks off 13th annual Stuff the Bus food drive, tops 1.5 million pounds of food

**PORTLAND, ME (November 16, 2018)** — At noon on Wednesday, November 21 Chuck Igo's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Rewind 100.9 "Stuff the Bus" food drive to feed hungry Mainers will culminate with a delivery to the **Preble Street Resource Center (252 Oxford Street)**, where dozens of community volunteers will unload a bus donated by Custom Coach & Limousine and fill the Preble Street soup kitchen and pantry with several tons of donated food.

Every year, Rewind 100.9's Chuck Igo runs the largest food drive in Maine, connecting with schools in Portland, South Portland, Falmouth, Cape Elizabeth, and Scarborough in October and November and collecting non-perishable food and cash donations during Thanksgiving week to donate to Preble Street.

Over the past 12 years, **the Stuff the Bus food drive has brought in over 1.5 million pounds of food to Preble Street soup kitchens and food pantry.**

Preble Street serves three meals a day, 365 days a year at its three soup kitchens — Preble Street Resource Center, Teen Center, and Florence House — and distributes emergency groceries to 200 families every week through the Food Pantry. Last year, Preble Street distributed more than 629,000 meals.

"Stuff the Bus is the largest single food drive for Preble Street, bringing in more than 100,000 pounds of food each year. The food Chuck, Rewind 100.9, business sponsors, schools, and generous community members give fills the pantry shelves here for up to three months, helping us to distribute meals to thousands of teens, adults, and families each year," said Elena Schmidt, Preble Street Chief Development Officer.

On November 16 and 19, at Portland area schools, hundreds of students and community volunteers "stuff" the big yellow bus with donations; and on November 20 and 21 the bus will be parked at area Hannaford stores to collect donations of cash and non-perishable food items, before making its way to Preble Street.

- Tuesday, November 20, 7am to 7pm at the South Portland Hannaford (Maine Mall)
- Wednesday, November 21, 7am to 12pm at the Portland Hannaford (Back Cove)

For more information on Stuff the Bus: [rewind1009.com/13th-annual-stuff-the-bus-food-drive](http://rewind1009.com/13th-annual-stuff-the-bus-food-drive).

**Preble Street** is a nonprofit social work agency serving the most vulnerable people in Maine since 1975 through innovative, best-practice, client-centered programs that respond to and prevent hunger and homelessness. In addition to the largest emergency food service program in northern New England, Preble Street operates 14 low-barrier programs throughout Maine providing 24/365 services for individuals and families living in poverty, including homeless youth, women, veterans, and victims of human trafficking, driven by its mission to meet urgent needs, empower people to move beyond the crises in their lives, and advocate for solutions to homelessness, hunger, and poverty. [PrebleStreet.org](http://PrebleStreet.org)

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