

MEDIA ALERT

Contact

Jen Tibbals

207-775-0026 x1117

communications@preblestreet.org



Rewind 100.9 kicks off 14th annual Stuff the Bus food drive, tops 1.5 million pounds of food

PORTLAND, ME (November 7, 2019) — At noon on Wednesday, November 27 the **Rewind 100.9 14th annual Stuff The Bus Food Drive for Preble Street, presented by Bristol Seafood** will culminate with a delivery to the **Preble Street Resource Center (252 Oxford Street)**, where dozens of community volunteers will unload buses 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 throughout November and collecting non-perishable food and cash donations during Thanksgiving week to donate to Preble Street.

Over the past 13 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 — the 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 630,000 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 22 and 25, at Portland area schools, hundreds of students and community volunteers "stuff" the big yellow buses with donations; and on November 25, 26, and 27 the buses will be parked at area Hannaford stores to collect donations of cash and non-perishable food items, before making their way to Preble Street.

- Monday and Tuesday, November 25-26, 7am to 7pm at the South Portland Hannaford (Maine Mall)
- Wednesday, November 27, 7am to 12pm at the Portland Hannaford (Back Cove)

The Rewind 100.9 14th annual Stuff the Bus for Preble Street is presented by Bristol Seafood, and sponsored in part by Aging Excellence, Carpet Specialist, Elsmere BBQ & Wood Grill, Great Falls Marketing, Heidi's Brooklyn Deli, Katahdin Trust Company, New England Off Road Outfitters, Pat's Pizza of Yarmouth & Brunswick, Portland Rotary, Saco Valley Credit Union, Super Great Wall Buffet, Town & Country Federal Credit Union.

For more information on Stuff the Bus: rewind1009.com/14th-annual-stuff-the-bus-food-drive

Preble Street is a nonprofit human services, anti-poverty 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 over a dozen 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

###