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## **IT'S STUFF A BUS TIME AGAIN AT WESTCAT!**

**Pinole, Ca.** —The Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT), the California Highway Patrol, and MV Transportation are joining together once again for our annual Stuff-A-Bus holiday donation drive events to be held in the Cities of Pinole and Hercules. “We’ve held this event for the last 16 years, and we are excited to be out in the community once again gathering support and donations for these very important causes” said Yvonne Morrow, WestCAT Marketing Manager. Santa’s workshop will return again this year, and families are invited to have their photos taken with Santa and his elves. Last year, we were able to collect 986 lbs. of non-perishable food and approximately \$2K in toy and cash donations (all cash donations are used to purchase both toys and food).

Members of the California Highway Patrol gather up all of the toys that have been collected during both events and distribute them at various events throughout the Bay Area. The toys support the California Highway Patrol’s “CHiPs for Kids” program that allows law enforcement to bring happiness and joy to children during the holiday season. The non-perishable food donations benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano. Toys must be new and unwrapped. Food must be non-perishable; a list of acceptable items is available at [www.foodbankccs.org](http://www.foodbankccs.org). Monetary donations are also accepted.

Donations will be accepted on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Safeway grocery store parking lot located at 1421 Tara Hills Dr., Pinole and on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Lucky Supermarket parking lot located at 1590 Sycamore Ave, Hercules. Come help us to Stuff-A-Bus! Stop by with your donations and give Santa Claus your holiday wish list at the big decorated WestCAT bus.

As always, we will also be accepting donations at our office through Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 601 Walter Ave., Pinole, from 8:00am -6:00pm, Monday-Friday.

For more information about this event or any other WestCAT service, visit [www.westcat.org](http://www.westcat.org) or call (510) 724-3331. For information about the Contra Costa and Solano Food Bank visit [www.foodbankccs.org](http://www.foodbankccs.org). For info about the CHP “CHiPs for Kids” program visit [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov).

*WestCAT is service of the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, providing local, express, and regional bus service to the cities of Pinole and Hercules, and the unincorporated communities of Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, Rodeo, Crockett, and Port Costa. WestCAT operates regional service from the Hercules Transit Center to Martinez and Contra Costa College. In addition, the Lynx Transbay service runs between the Hercules Transit Center and the San Francisco Transbay Terminal.*