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## **D-Line Food Drive Supports Food Bank of Iowa and the Des Moines Symphony's Drive Against Hunger**

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is teaming up with the Des Moines Symphony for the Yankee Doodle Pops Drive Against Hunger by collecting food donations on the D-Line Downtown Shuttle. The food collected will be donated to the Food Bank of Iowa, which distributed 7,900,958 pounds of donated grocery products in 2010.

Food donations can be placed on any D-Line shuttle between now and Friday, July 1. The D-Line is a downtown shuttle that travels between the Western Gateway and the East Village along Locust Street and Grand Avenue. The shuttle is free to ride, runs every 10 minutes, and operates from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stops are marked with red and yellow signs.

Food donations must be nonperishable and packaged in a can, plastic or box. No glass containers will be accepted. The items of food most needed include 100 percent juice, canned fruit in juice (not heavy syrup), canned beans, dry beans, peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken in water, whole grain dry pasta or egg noodles, regular or instance brown rice, low-sodium vegetable soup, whole-grain crackers, canned spaghetti sauce, oatmeal, cold cereal, UHT milk (no canned milk), and baby formula.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit our website at [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com) or call 515.283.8100.