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## **WCIU, The U to Fight Summer Hunger in Chicago with Return of 'Fill a Bag, Fill a Bus' Food Drive**

**May 17, 2017 - CHICAGO** - WCIU, The U is bringing back the 'Fill a Bag, Fill a Bus' food drive on Wednesday, May 24, to benefit The Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) and help combat the increased threat of child hunger during summer months. The one-day, three-location event is put on in partnership between WCIU, The U, GCFD, Jewel-Osco, Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co. and MeTV fm.

Non-perishable items will be accepted at the following Jewel-Osco locations:

- Kinzie & Desplaines - 370 N Desplaines St, Chicago, IL 60661 (7:00 AM – 10:30 AM)
- River Forest - 7525 W Lake St, River Forest, IL 60305 (12:00 PM – 7:00 PM)
- Homewood – 17705 S Halsted St, Homewood, IL 60430 (12:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Monetary donations are being accepted [online](#) now through June 2.

In Cook County, 1 in 5 children are at risk of hunger, a number that climbs when the school year (and the meals that come with it) lets out for summer. The first 'Fill a Bag, Fill a Bus' campaign was in December 2016 and collected more than 15,000 pounds of food and \$10,000 in monetary donations for GCFD.

"During the summer, children are at an increased risk of hunger," said Kate Maehr, Food Depository executive director and CEO. "Events like WCIU's 'Fill a Bag, Fill a Bus' help raise awareness and ensure kids have the nutritious food they need during the summer."

For more information or to view photos from the first 'Fill a Bag, Fill a Bus' donation drive, [click here](#).

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