

RIPTA Employees Give Back to the Community This Holiday Season

Providence, Rhode Island, November 30, 2009 – Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) employees gave back to the community this holiday season through their United Way campaign and Thanksgiving Food Drive.

RIPTA employees donated \$15,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island's 2009 campaign and surpassed last year's contributions.

RIPTA established a committee to implement a clear communications campaign, which made this campaign a success. The Authority went from 1% employee participation last year to 18% employee participation this year – a huge success!

“Even in these tough economic times, we not only reached our goal, but exceeded it,” Victor Santos, Director of Human Resources, stated. “Our employees demonstrated their generosity and concern for those less fortunate. There are many generous and

kind-hearted employees at RIPTA”

Santos' goal for 2009 was \$15,000 and the employees reached that goal.

In addition to the United Way campaign, the Human Resource Department also simultaneously held a Thanksgiving Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items. RIPTA employees donated a grand total of 931 non-perishable items, which surpassed their goal of 840 goods, which translates to approximately 700 pounds of food. The items will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Providence and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in Newport.

It is the Authority's wish to be able to continue to do this annually and support other needy causes in the State.

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