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Fares for Food Day raises \$5,300 – good for 23,850 meals

An even \$5,300 was raised as part of Fares for Food Day – good for 23,850 meals to be served this giving season.

The money collected on DART buses Thursday, December 12, is being donated to the Food Bank of Iowa, which can provide 4.5 meals for every \$1 donation. Approximately 40 percent of the money raised came from cash that was donated on top of standard fare.

A presentation of the donation is at 2:30 p.m. today at Food Bank of Iowa, 2220 E. 17th St., Des Moines.

According to the Food Bank of Iowa:

- 1 in 8 Iowans is food insecure;
- 1 in 5 Iowa children does not have enough to eat;
- 395,620 Iowans live at or below the poverty line.

About DART: 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 the website at www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Trip Planner BETA is now available at www.ridedart.com.

About the Food Bank of Iowa: The Food Bank of Iowa is a private, not-for-profit organization committed to its mission of alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership, and education. The Food Bank of Iowa solicits, receives, inventories, and distributes donated food and grocery products to more than 375 partner agencies in 55 counties who directly serve needy individuals within their communities. In FY 2013, the Food Bank of Iowa distributed 9,024,000 lbs. of food. To learn more, visit www.foodbankiowa.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/foodbankiowa.