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## **SNJB Hopes to Gain 500 Pounds during** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Commuters Care Food Drive

--Annual Commuters Care Food Drive seeks 500 lbs. of donations to benefit Oasis Social Ministry--

Chesapeake, VA – While many new year resolutions include a pledge to lose weight, the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (SNJB) is instead hoping to gain 500 pounds in 2019! Kicking off its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Commuters Care Food Drive, the bridge staff encourages drivers to donate non-perishable food items toward a total goal of 500 combined pounds. Now through the month of February, donations are accepted at the SNJB Operations Office (3815 Bainbridge Blvd., Chesapeake) on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

Each item donated earns a free entry into drawings to win one of ten \$50.00 Virginia E-ZPass Reload Cards. E-ZPass Reload Card funds can be applied to any existing or new Virginia E-ZPass account and are available for immediate use. E-ZPass is accepted at all Hampton Roads toll facilities and in 16 other states from North Carolina to Maine. Plus, during the month of January, all donors are eligible for a bonus prize pair of reserved tickets to the Virginia Opera's "Elixir of Love" performance at Harrison Opera House over Valentine's Day weekend. There is no limit on the number of entries per person, but individuals are only eligible to receive one (1) E-ZPass Reload Card award. Prize drawings are held by March 31, 2019, and winners will be notified by phone and e-mail.

At the end of February, all food collected is donated to the Food Pantry at Oasis Social Ministry in Portsmouth. In operation since 1970, Oasis' mission is to provide comprehensive services to the homeless and less fortunate in Portsmouth, Western Chesapeake and Northern Suffolk areas.

"The power of community is strong in Hampton Roads, and our drivers and neighbors don't disappoint when given the opportunity to support those in need," says General Manager Kevin Crum. "It is our privilege to again partner with and uplift the good works of Oasis Ministry and its volunteer corps."

For more information on the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Commuters Care Food Drive, visit <a href="www.SNJB.net">www.SNJB.net</a> or call #932-8518. For more information or to volunteer with Oasis Social Ministry, visit <a href="www.OasisSocialMinistry.org">www.OasisSocialMinistry.org</a> or call #397-6060.

## **About the SNJB**

The 5,375' long South Norfolk Jordan Bridge is two-lane, fixed span, high-rise toll bridge over the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. On the west side of the river, the bridge intersects with Elm Avenue and Victory Boulevard in Portsmouth. On the east side, it connects to Poindexter Street and provides seamless access to I-464 in Chesapeake. The privately-funded bridge features two 12' wide traffic lanes, two 8' wide shoulders and a pedestrian sidewalk separated from traffic by a concrete barrier. A fully-electronic video capture system accepts E-Z Pass to maximize convenience for users, but is not required for travel.