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## SNJB Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Commuters Care Food Drive in February --Month-long event seeks 500 lbs. of donations to benefit Oasis Social Ministry--

Chesapeake, VA – The South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (SNJB) rings in another new year with its popular Commuters Care Food Drive. Now entering its fourth consecutive year, the month-long event encourages drivers to donate non-perishable food items toward a total goal of 500 pounds. Throughout the month of February, canned and non-perishable food items 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.

New this year, each item donated can be redeemed for 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 15 other states from North Carolina to Maine. 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, 2018, and winners will be notified by phone and e-mail.

At the end of the month, all food collected is donated to the Food Pantry of 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 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.