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3rd Annual Commuters Care Food Drive stacks up 632 pounds of donations
--Donors exceeded goal of 500 lbs. to benefit Oasis Social Ministry--

Chesapeake, VA – With a hefty goal of collecting 500 pounds of non-perishable food, the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (SNJB) launched the 3rd Annual Commuters Care Food Drive last month. To incent customers to contribute, each was rewarded with a \$10.00 Virginia E-ZPass Reload Card when they donated during the month of February. 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.

The bridge’s local operations office welcomed nearly 90 different customers with a donation of at least five items who helped the food drive surpass its collection goal. When all the items were packed and delivered to the Food Pantry of Oasis Social Ministry in Portsmouth, they weighed in at a whopping 632 pounds! 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.

“Watching the donations stack up in our office provided a great sense of pride in our community and the generosity with which they support our neighbors,” says General Manager Kevin Crum. “We believe in the meaningful services offered every day by Oasis Social Ministry and its volunteer corps, and we’re thrilled to have been able support them again this year through our customers’ kind donations.”

For more information on the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge, visit www.SNJB.net or call #545-3444. For more information or to volunteer with Oasis Social Ministry, visit www.OasisSocialMinistry.org or call #397-6060.

About the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge

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, 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-owned and operated 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 driver convenience, but is not required for travel.

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