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CP Rail Holiday Train Makes First Ever Stop in Bensenville

Bensenville, IL – On Thursday, December 6, 2018, over 400 attendees welcomed the CP Rail Holiday Train as it pulled into Bensenville at the corner of South York Road and Railroad Avenue. This was the first time that Bensenville had been selected as one of just two stops in Illinois.

The brightly lit, 1,000 foot train featured entertainment by The Trews, Willy Porter, and a check presentation from CP Rail to the Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry. The CP Rail Holiday Train serves as a way to raise awareness of local hunger issues and encourages attendees to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to benefit the food pantry.

Village President Frank DeSimone braved the bitter cold and welcomed guests to the event while aboard the fold out stage car by saying, "Thank you everyone for your overwhelming support to the Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry today. This is by far the coolest thing I've been a part of as Village President and hope it is something we can continue to be a part of in years to come."

Canadian Pacific presented a check to the Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry in the amount of \$10,000. Jim Hamill who represents the food pantry thanked all attendees, food pantry volunteers, CP Rail, Chase Bank, and the Village for all the support and donations.

Representatives from Bensenville taxing bodies like School District 100, School District 2, the Bensenville Park District, and the Bensenville Community Public Library were all present during the event. "I am so pleased with the amazing turn out from the community," said State Representative Kathleen Willis who was also in attendance. "I am so thankful for CP Rails donations to the food pantry and that they were willing to make Bensenville one of their stops along the way," she added.

Hundreds of attendees brought a donation for the food pantry including local Bensenville businesses like Chase Bank of Bensenville who donated over 1,000 canned goods. Hot chocolate was also provided by Bella Vista Banquets where 100% of the proceeds will benefit the food pantry.

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(Frank DeSimone (left) and Jim Hamill (right) were surrounded by donations from residents and local businesses like Chase Bank who donated over 1,000 canned goods to the Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry.)

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