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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Announces Canned Food Drive

Peninsula, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is excited to announce a canned food drive February 27 & 28, 2010, to benefit both the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and the Cleveland Foodbank.

Local food pantries reported a 41% increase in the number of meals they provided from January to September 2009 over the same time the year prior. Our community's need for food relief remains urgent and CVSR wants to help, through the generosity of its passengers, to make sure the centers have the nutritious food they need to feed the growing number of hungry people in the communities it serves.

Passengers can climb aboard at either the Akron Northside Station or the Rockside Station in Independence, and for just \$5 and a canned food item, take a ride through Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The *National Park Scenic* excursion is a 3-hour round trip allowing riders the opportunity to see the beauty of Cuyahoga Valley National Park in winter without leaving the comfort of the train. Riders can also choose to enjoy a layover in the Village of Peninsula or at the Canal Visitor Center before returning to their originating station.

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While on board, the state-of-the-art GPS driven audio tour will be available. This audio tour, titled *Voices of the Valley*, immerses listeners in the sounds and stories of the area, from the earliest settlement of the valley, the coming of the Ohio & Erie Canal and Valley Railway, the creation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the return of wildlife, and more.

Trains depart from the Rockside Station, located at 7900 Old Rockside Road in Independence at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and from the Akron Northside Station, located at 27 Ridge Street in Akron, at 11:35 a.m. No reservations are necessary. Canned food items will be collected and tickets sold on the train.

CVSR is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR is entering its 37th year of excursion rail service.

Tickets for all other Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad excursions and special events can be purchased on-line at www.CVSR.com.

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