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Take Your Daughter or Son to Work Free on VRE

Railroad to Waive Fares for Children on April 25

Alexandria, Va. – To introduce rail to a future generation of riders, the Virginia Railway Express will allow students between the ages of 11 and 18 to ride for free on Thursday, April 25 when accompanied by a paying adult. Children 10 and under can ride free every day. "VRE has long supported Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," said Doug Allen, the railroad's chief executive officer. "Not only does this event allow parents to show their kids what they do at work but how they get there. We hope VRE riders will bring their children onboard and let them see how convenient and comfortable our commuter rail service is."

Because safety is VRE's top priority, the railroad urges parents to talk to their children about how to stay safe on platforms and trains. A passenger safety guide is available online at www.vre.org.

VRE always appreciates being tagged in photos of children riding its trains. Parents can use #IamRail #VREtrip, #TakeOurChildrenToWorkDay, or #TYKTWD to share their pictures.

The 12th largest commuter rail service in the U.S., VRE is a transportation partnership of the Northern Virginia and Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commissions. VRE's mission is to provide safe, cost effective, accessible, reliable, convenient, and customer responsive commuter-oriented passenger rail service. The 4.5 million rides the railroad provides annually in Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. remove some 100 million vehicle miles from the region's interstates.

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