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DEAR FRIENDS,

On Tuesday, September 10th, Lt. Kate was invited to present at the Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program conference at the Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo. Presenting on the Utility Vendor Panel alongside partners from Dominion Energy (now Enbridge), and Rocky Mountain Power, Lt. Kate shared information about the utility assistance programs administered by caseworkers at the Salt Lake City Corps. "All those attending work for different agencies in the state to process HEAT applications, and they also refer clients to our programs. It was great to be able to explain just how REACH (Enbridge) and the Lend-A-Hand (Rocky Mountain Power) programs are a valuable addition and resource to many households. Many attending were surprised by just how many applications our team assisted with during the past calendar year." Lt. Kate said. "Our relationship with the team at Department of Workforce Services (who oversee HEAT) has really improved in the past few years, and our invitation to participate in their conference was a great demonstration of the value they see in our services," she added.



The HEAT Program provides year-round energy assistance for eligible low income households. The program year begins October 1st and ends the following September 30th of each year, or when federal LIHEAP funds are exhausted. Those who qualify are people with disabilities, elderly (age 60 and over), and young children (under the age of 6). The total household income must be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level and responsible for paying home energy costs. The household must have at least one adult (18 years of age or older) and contain at least one US citizen or qualified non-citizen. To learn more or sign up, call HEAT on (866) 205-4357.

SINCERELY, SLC CORPS COMMANDING OFFICERS CAPT. JAMES AND LT. KATE COMBS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH OFFERS BACKPACKS TO WESTSIDE CHILDREN

The Salvation Army hosted a "Back-To-School Bash" for students and parents of Parkview Elementary School in Salt Lake City. The event provided 450 elementary school children in need with a backpack full of donated school supplies, a book, and pizza dinner.

"We hosted a big back-to-school celebration to give kids who need a head start, a positive step in the right direction," said Captain James Combs from the Salvation Army Salt Lake City Corps. "When kids have the proper tools they need, success in school can be much easier to achieve."

The backpacks and supplies came from private contributions and donations from Security Services Federal Credit Union, iHeartMedia's 97.1 ZHT, I.B.E.W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 354, and Deseret Book.



SECURITY SERVICES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DONATES \$7,010 FOR BACKPACKS

Through its annual "Pack a Backpack" campaign held throughout the month of July, Security Service collected monetary donations at all of its branch locations in Utah. The credit union donated \$7,010 to the SLC Corps in support of their Back-To-School Bash.

For consecutive years, Security Service has provided funds from its "Pack a Backpack" campaign to provide school supplies for children in need. The annual campaign allows members, staff, and the community to make monetary donations to purchase supplies such as backpacks, colored pencils, crayons, notebooks, erasers, folders, pens, pencils, tissues, and more. The SLC Corps is most grateful for their continued support.

FAMILY NIGHTS BUILD COMMUNITY

During the summer the Salt Lake City Corps held various 'family nights' for members of the community to enjoy each other's company, and sometimes, a little friendly competition. Themes included Craft Night, Arcade Night, Movie Night, and Trivia Night.

At each event snacks were shared, along with a devotional message. Captain James says "Building community is all about bringing people together and creating a sense of belonging. These opportunities for light-hearted bonding, away from the worries of the world, allow singles and families together to share in fellowship and fun. We love to see the joy and laughter appear on people's faces as they relax and join in."



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

A big thanks to the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) Insurance team who volunteered with us on July 26. They helped sort and organized the food pantry to allow the SLC Corps to serve families facing food insecurity in our community.

If you are part of an employee group willing to donate a few hours, please contact Paula on 801 988 4204.