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THE SALT LAKE CORPS CONNECTION

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4TH QUARTER NEWS
JULY – SEPT 2026

VOLUNTEER TO RING THE RED KETTLES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

We are so grateful for the monetary donations we receive, which help fund our programs year-round. For Christmas 2026, we are seeking additional companies to become involved with the Red Kettles by providing opportunities for their employees to man a Red Kettle stand at one of our designated sites and help solicit donations by ringing the red bell during both November and December.

In addition, we encourage individuals, community groups, and organizations to support our annual Red Kettle campaign. We feel this is a great way for people to offer meaningful service and make a real difference to those in need in our community during the holidays.

To sign up visit: volunteer.usawest.org





BACK–TO–SCHOOL BASH OFFERS BACK-PACKS TO WESTSIDE CHILDREN

The Salvation Army hosted a “Back-To-School Bash” for students and parents at Franklin Elementary School in Salt Lake City. The event provided 550 elementary school children in need with backpacks full of donated school supplies and a 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 Major Keith Bottjen 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, Bank of Utah, iHeartMedia, and I.B.E.W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers).



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS DONATION

A big thank you to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Utah Electrical Training Alliance and iHeart Media for their generous $2,000 donation to the Back-To-School Bash. Their support helped ensure that hundreds of students and teachers were fully equipped for the new school year.

In addition, iHeart Media went above and beyond by hosting radio remotes, airing advertisements on all five of its stations, and sharing social media posts to boost event awareness and encourage community donations.



SECURITY SERVICES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DONATES $6,842 FOR BACKPACKS

During its annual “Pack a Backpack” campaign in July, Security Service collected monetary donations at all branch locations across Utah. The credit union contributed $6,842 to the Salt Lake City Corps to support their Back-to-School Bash.

This campaign invites members, staff, and the community to donate funds to purchase essential school supplies like backpacks, colored pencils, crayons, notebooks, erasers, folders, pens, pencils, tissues, and more. The
Salt Lake City Corps is deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

SALT LAKE LEADERSHIP VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C., TO DISCUSS POLICY AND RECEIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Major Keith Bottjen and Chuck Baker, a member of the Advisory Board, traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with national Salvation Army representatives and elected officials to discuss policy matters. During the visit, they also received the Award of Excellence on behalf of The Salvation Army Salt Lake City Advisory Board.

Their presence in D.C. underscores the Salvation Army’s commitment to advocating for policies that benefit vulnerable populations. Their discussions focused on social issues and the organization’s role in disaster relief and community support.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER GIVING PROGRAM

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.

EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEERS

The Salt Lake Corps extends a heartfelt thank-you to U.S. Bank for coming out and helping organize our pantry space. We are incredibly grateful for your time, generosity, and support. Your help makes a meaningful difference in our ability to serve our community!

If your company, organization, or group is interested in volunteering, please **contact Paula at 801-988-4204** to learn more and schedule a service opportunity. We would love to partner with you as we continue serving our neighbors in need.



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