Dear Community Partner,

COVID-19 is creating an evolving situation with varied impacts around the state and throughout the Salt Lake City School District. The Salt Lake Education Foundation is committed to working with our partners, donors and community to meet the needs of our students and their families.

The foundation is working diligently to keep open lines of communications with our board, employees, volunteers, donors and the community. We are also ensuring that we are transparent about our decision-making by providing our stakeholders with a weekly report.

The foundation has worked with community partners to provide the following:

- 11,860 emergency food bags were distributed to 45,092 individuals.
- 4,667 hygiene kits were given out to families.
- 1,500 LED light bulbs from Utah Clean Energy were given out to families.
- 400 hand sanitizers for our families and front-line employees were generously donated by Young Living to help them stay safe and healthy.
- 121 households were served through the Family Support Hotline reaching 484 individuals.
- The foundation will support outfitting five buses with Wi-Fi to provide students with internet in their homes.

New Partnerships

The foundation received a $45,000 grant from No Kid Hungry to help ensure that the foundation will be able to continue providing emergency food to our students and their families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are excited to announce a new ongoing partnership with Pay It Forward Utah, LLC. With the help of the restaurant industry, Pay It Forward will donate meals and meal kits each week. The first donation included 100 boxes of potatoes and apples.

The Salt Lake Education Foundation is partnering with Salt Lake City to provide an additional drive-through food distribution location for our district families who are unable to get to one of our community learning centers.

The new city supported location will be the Finch Lane Art Barn. It will operate on Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

Finch Lane Art Barn: 54 Finch Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

The Salt Lake Education Foundation has teamed up with the non-profit For The Kids to supply an additional 600 bags of food to Salt Lake City School District families. These bags will be distributed at Backman, Escalante, Meadowlark, Liberty and North Star Elementary schools.

- The hotline number is 801.301.6476. Someone will be available to answer calls, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm.
- When families call the hotline, they will speak to an intake specialist who will refer them to the appropriate person.
- We can support families with questions about topics including student coursework, tech support, emergency food resources, and help to meet families’ basic needs.
- Help is available in English and Spanish. We can provide support in other languages as needed.

Sincerely,

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