



UTAH FOOD BANK

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WELLS FARGO GIVES \$16,000 TO UTAH FOOD BANK TO HELP FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

BLANDING, Utah, Jan. 13, 2015 – Wells Fargo has donated \$16,000 to Utah Food Bank to start a mobile school pantry at two schools in San Juan County.

A truck full of food will depart the Utah Food Bank's St. George warehouse, travel 350 miles, and deliver food to hungry families in Blanding and Monticello each month. In addition to Wells Fargo's \$16,000 grant, its team member volunteers will distribute the food to those in need.

San Juan High School and Monticello Elementary School administrators will work directly with Utah Food Bank to identify families within their student bodies who need the food most. These families will each receive about a week's worth of groceries.

Wells Fargo representatives spoke before council members in Blanding and Monticello about the launch of the new mobile school pantry during their city council meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 13. These informational presentations took place at each city's respective city office building.

"Wells Fargo is delighted to be teaming up with Utah Food Bank, San Juan High School, and Monticello Elementary School to help provide food to hungry families in San Juan County," said Denise Winslow, Community Affairs manager for Wells Fargo in Utah. "This truly has been a collaborative effort, yet could not have been realized without the leadership and passion of our remarkable team members in Blanding and Monticello who will be volunteering their time to make sure families get the food they need. Wells Fargo's \$16,000 donation to Utah Food Bank will fund the mobile food pantry for the next 18 months, and we hope it is a success and makes a real difference in the community."

According to Ginette Bott, chief development officer for Utah Food Bank, "This mobile school pantry is in its startup phase and Utah Food Bank is so pleased to partner with Wells Fargo to bring these services to families in Blanding and Monticello."

Last year, Wells Fargo donated more than \$1.5 million to more than 200 Utah nonprofit organizations, and its Utah team members personally gave nearly \$1.3 million to nonprofits across the state.

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About Utah Food Bank

Utah Food Bank provides food to a statewide network of 134 emergency food pantries and agencies. Last fiscal year, Utah Food Bank distributed 37.5 million pounds of food and goods, the equivalent of approximately 31.3 million meals for families and individuals in need. Utah Food Bank also served more than 244,000 Kids Cafe meals, delivered almost 41,000 food boxes and filled more than 60,000 kids' backpacks for hunger-free weekends. For more information about Utah Food Bank, visit www.utahfoodbank.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UtahFoodBank and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/UtahFoodBank.

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