

Donation from a GOOD NEIGHBOR



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Food Bank Supervisor Jesse Burciaga moves boxes of fruit at the Catholic Community Services Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank in Ogden on Wednesday. The fruit was donated by the Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp.

Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp. prospers, shares its success with Ogden food bank

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OGDEN — While times are tough economically for many people and businesses, one Ogden business experiencing financial success is giving back to others less fortunate.

Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp. donated \$11,000 worth of food to Catholic Community Services on Wednesday to help with feeding the needy for Christmas.

Sharon Downing, director of the Northern Utah program for Catholic Community Services, said the food will go to low-income people who have signed up for Christmas food boxes. About 1,000 people have signed up to receive the food boxes this year.

Sherry Tolman, contributions coordinator for Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp., said the company chose to donate large amounts to the CCS because, unlike other businesses, Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp. is currently thriving.

“We see the other companies who are not as stable as our company is right now,” she said. “We are really fortunate that we are growing and we’re expanding and we haven’t had a layoff in decades. Because we are in such a good place economically in the community, we felt we knew we had to come and help.”

GSL is donating more than just canned goods. The company also gave the food

bank diapers, baby formula and napkins, things rarely donated to the food bank.

GSL also gave CCS 10,000 eggs from Roger’s Eggs and 2,500 pieces of fresh fruit from Carlo’s Produce. Both local businesses gave GSL discounts.

Tolman said it took her and others eight to 10 hours to shop for all the food, which they did over several days.

One important item she made sure was included was the supplement drink Ensure. She said she was told by the food bank that many elderly people who come

for food ask for baby formula because they can not eat solid foods. She bought 1,000 cans of Ensure so that those who can’t eat solid food could still get nourishment from the food bank.

For the food bank, this donation couldn’t have come a better time. Downing said requests are up for those who

need food for the holiday season, and having donations like the one from GSL helps serve the community.

“People are very generous when helping other people in the community,” she said. “They know the need is great and we help them.”

With this donation, Downing said, the CCS is doing “OK” with food donations for the holidays, but she said things could become tight again once the new year starts.

“We are a food bank every day of the year,” she said. “It’s not just Christmas and it’s not just Thanksgiving. We need food in January and February.”



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When the Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp. donated \$11,000 in food to the Catholic Community Services food bank in Ogden, the company remembered Christmas candy.