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United Way of Salt Lake Celebrates 15th Year of Stuff the Bus
-With corporate, volunteer, and community support, United Way of Salt Lake ensures 10,000+ students along the
Wasatch Front start the school year ready to learn-

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – JULY 31, 2025 – This year marks 15 years of <u>United Way of Salt Lake</u>'s Stuff the Bus school supply initiative. Volunteers and corporate sponsors stuffed 7,650 backpacks with over 100,000 school supplies for 10,000 kids in 29 schools and two nonprofit organizations across four school districts in Davis and Salt Lake Counties.

Since 2016, this effort has consistently supported over 10,000 Utah students along the Wasatch Front. In many schools, teachers often purchase school supplies for students to use in the classroom. Stuff the Bus provides students with their own supplies that they can take home with them and use to do their homework.

"Thanks to Stuff the Bus, we empower families and equip children with the tools they need to thrive in school," said Tyra Armstrong, Family Resource & Engagement Coordinator at Kearns Jr. High, Salt Lake County Afterschool Program. "These supplies lay the foundation for academic success and ignite a passion for learning."

The success of *Stuff the Bus* hinges on the remarkable support from local businesses, organizations, and volunteers. Their involvement not only amplifies our efforts but also inspires others to engage in community service and philanthropy. Stuff the Bus sponsors are American Express, CHG Healthcare, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Foundation, O.C. Tanner, and Rocky Mountain Power.

"The partnership between our corporate sponsors and United Way of Salt Lake exemplifies what can be achieved when organizations unite for a common cause," said Patrick McIntyre, United Way of Salt Lake Chief Development Officer. "This collaboration demonstrates the power of teamwork and corporate responsibility in driving positive community change."



United Way of Salt Lake is 80% of the way to its fundraising goal of \$75,000 to provide students with tools they need to start the school year off ready to learn. If you would like to support Stuff the Bus, you can still donate at: uw.org/stuff-the-bus.

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About United Way of Salt Lake

United Way of Salt Lake mobilizes individuals and communities to action to support basic needs and education, so 100% of kids and families are thriving. For more information, visit uw.org.