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UNITED WAY OF SALT LAKE

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## UNITED WAY OF SALT LAKE CELEBRATES 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL *DAY OF CARING*

Salt Lake City — More than 4,500 volunteers from 120 local companies will help United Way of Salt Lake celebrate service and volunteerism during the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, August 31. Volunteers will spend nearly 16,000 total hours completing 130 one-day projects throughout Davis, Salt Lake and Summit counties.

Throughout the years, United Way of Salt Lake has connected thousands of volunteers to meaningful service opportunities on its annual Day of Caring. The one-day event pairs employees from local corporations and groups with volunteer opportunities in schools and other nonprofits throughout the communities. Volunteers' efforts will help save the communities more than \$440,000 in services.

“United Way has always supported the efforts of the thousands of dedicated volunteers who selflessly serve in our communities,” said Bill Crim, CEO of United Way of Salt Lake. “Day of Caring is a special event that allows members of the community to see first-hand how their volunteer work improves the individual lives of those who need it most. We are absolutely thrilled to be celebrating our 24<sup>th</sup> Day of caring this year!”

**WHEN:**        **Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

**7:30 – 9:30 a.m.** Kick-off breakfast

**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**        Community service projects

**WHERE:**       **Library Square, 400 S. 300 E., Salt Lake City**

**WHAT:**        **More than 4,500 volunteers from 120 companies will participate in 130 service projects throughout the day.** Projects range from landscaping and painting to reading with kids in classrooms. Volunteers reach thousands of Utah's most vulnerable citizens, helping United Way of Salt Lake advance the education, income, and health of Utah's neighborhoods and communities.

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United Way of Salt Lake is working to advance the education, income, and health of our neighborhoods and communities to ensure that every child succeeds, every step of the way, from cradle to career. We invite everyone to be a part of the

change. You can give, you can advocate, and you can volunteer. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED. Join the conversation by visiting our blog at [uwslhub.org](http://uwslhub.org), or find out more at [uw.org](http://uw.org).

### Service Projects

Volunteers will be serving in a variety of ways including providing college and career presentations, reading in classrooms, landscaping, painting, and working on other community enhancement projects. Some of the projects include:

- CHG Healthcare Services 60 volunteers will help with outdoor cleanup and beautification tasks around the school and community garden space as well as provide **college and career presentations** to students at Kearns High School, a United Way of Salt Lake Community School.
- KSL/Deseret Management Corporation's 150 volunteers will **share their love of reading** with James E. Moss Elementary School, a United Way of Salt Lake Community School. Volunteers will be bringing books to read with grades K - 4. Students will be able to take the books home to help build their own personal libraries. Students in grades 5 – 6 will receive **college and career presentations**, learning more about job opportunities and how to succeed in school. Volunteers will **paint a mural** that will be hung in the library to encourage students to explore and learn more through reading.
- Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah's 15 volunteers will help hundreds of Granger Elementary School, a United Way of Salt Lake Community School, receive critical **vision screenings** that will help them access additional vision services and glasses, if needed. A task that normally takes the school nurse months to accomplish, can be achieved in a matter of hours with the volunteers support.
- Management and Training Corporation's 10 volunteers will be **reading with students** in classrooms at Holt Elementary in Davis County.
- Savage Services 125 volunteers will be helping with **beautification and repairs** inside and outside the South Salt Lake Central Park Community Center. Home off the PAL Boxing Program, the work Savage Services volunteers will provide will ensure the space continues to be welcoming and safe for the students that utilize the center for after school programing.
- 70 volunteers from six Nordstrom stores will come together at Catholic Community Services to help with **painting and cleanup projects** that will beautify the space that prepares and serves meals for 1,200 people each day.
- 30 volunteers from Robert W. Baird and Rocky Mountain Power will volunteer alongside Oquirrh Hills Elementary, a United Way of Salt Lake Community School. Students will work with volunteers to **plant bulbs and trees, pull weeds and pick up trash, and pack healthy snack kits** that will be available for kids and families at surrounding schools.