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#### 4TH QUARTER NEWS

**JULY - SEPT 2025** 

#### **NEW SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS ARRIVE IN SALT LAKE CITY**

The Salvation Army in Salt Lake City is pleased to welcome new leaders, Majors Keith and Robin Bottjen as new Corps Officers. They assumed their position on July 1, 2025, and are looking forward to getting to know the community and furthering the ministry of The Salvation Army.

Salvation Army officers are periodically transferred to different locations every three to five years. Majors Bottjen are enthusiastic and dynamic leaders who came to Salt Lake City from Phoenix Arizona, where they were responsible for the programs and services of the Phoenix Salvation Army.

They have devoted the past 30 years of their lives to serving as Salvation Army officers in various capacities, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to the organization. Throughout their journey, they have served in diverse locations such as Victorville CA, San Diego CA, Rancho Palos Verdes CA, El Paso Texas, Tempe AZ, Riverside CA, Sacremento CA, Phoenix AZ, and now Salt Lake City.

"We are very proud to work within The Salvation Army in meeting needs. We have always been partial to the "Soup, Soap, and Salvation" concept. Meet a need - and people are more apt to hear of their need for Christ," said Major Robin Bottjen. "We are excited about the numerous opportunities that lie ahead to make a positive impact and are looking forward to many fulfilling years of service in this wonderful community.

The Bottjens have four adult children and nine grandchildren.





### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH OFFERS BACK-PACKS TO WESTSIDE CHILDREN

The Salvation Army hosted a "Back-To-School Bash" for students and parents at Edison Elementary School in Salt Lake City. The event provided 480 elementary school children in need with backpacks full of donated school supplies and a pizza dinner.

"We hosted a big back-to-school celebration to give kids who need a head start, a positive step in the right direction," said Major Keith Bottjen from The Salvation Army Salt Lake City Corps. "When kids have the proper tools they need, success in school can be much easier to achieve."

The backpacks and supplies came from private contributions and donations from Security Services Federal Credit Union, Scheels, Shane Company, iHeartMedia, and IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers).





## SECURITY SERVICES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DONATES \$9,029 FOR BACKPACKS

During its annual "Pack a Backpack" campaign in July, Security Service collected monetary donations at all branch locations across Utah. The credit union contributed \$9,029 to the Salt Lake City Corps to support their Back-to-School Bash.

This campaign invites members, staff, and the community to donate funds to purchase essential school supplies like backpacks, colored pencils, crayons, notebooks, erasers, folders, pens, pencils, tissues, and more. The Salt Lake City Corps is deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

# IBEW / IHEART MEDIA / SCHEELS DONATION

A big thank you to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Utah Electrical Training Alliance and iHeart Media for their generous \$2,000 donation to the Back-To-School Bash. Their support helped ensure that hundreds of students and teachers were fully equipped for the new school year.

In addition, Scheels contributed 300 backpacks, and iHeart Media went above and beyond by hosting radio remotes, airing advertisements on all five of its stations, and sharing social media posts to boost event awareness and encourage community donations.





# ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The HEAT Program provides year-round energy assistance for eligible low income households. The program year begins October 1st and ends the following September 30th of each year or when federal LIHEAP funds are exhausted. Those who qualify are people with disabilities, elderly (age 60 and over) and young children (under the age of 6).

The total household income must be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level and responsible for paying home energy costs. The household must have at least one adult (18 years of age or older) and contain at least one US citizen or qualified non-citizen.

To learn more or sign up, call HEAT on (866) 205-4357.





# GRANTS RECEIVED:

**George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation** – \$55,000

Kroger/Smith's Food & Drug Foundation –

\$25,000

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation – \$15,000

Black Family Foundation – \$4,000

Security Service Federal Credit Union – \$2,500 Edwards Lifesciences Foundation – \$250