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To the Salt Lake City Community:

We want to take this opportunity to provide you with information about the activities with which the Salt Lake Education Foundation is involved. The Salt Lake Education Foundation and Salt Lake City School District launched a joint operation on Monday, March 16, 2020, to help families struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this pandemic, we are working to raise funds to support families in need. Below is a list of outcomes we have achieved through the coordination of our district, foundation, community and business resources.

- **Food:**
  - The foundation is working through the community learning centers to distribute emergency food boxes every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
    - Total families receiving food bags: 10,199
    - Total individuals receiving food bags within these families: 33,332
    - Total number of hygiene kits distributed: 3,167

- **SLEF Hotline:**
  - On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, a SLEF HOTLINE was put in place to support families in need. Families can call 801.301.6476, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
    - 93 households received food deliveries by way of the high school family support specialists.
    - 372 individuals received food by way of the hotline.

- **Healthcare:**
  - Medical and dental appointments are available at the community learning center clinics.
  - Division of Workforce Service (DWS) workers are available to sign up families for CHIP and Medicaid.
  - We have three health care clinics providing support to our underserved communities.
  - COVID-19 testing will be open at North Temple with Rose Park clinic staff.

- **SLEF Community Reinvestment:**
  - The foundation has made a commitment to purchase food from local businesses in order to support them through the pandemic.

- **Digital Inclusion:**
  - The foundation and district established a Digital Inclusion Committee.
    - Comcast Internet Essentials is available for low-income families.
    - XMission is donating 50 HP laptops for students who may not have access to computers.
    - PCs for People donated 100 computers to the Glendale neighborhood.
    - Mobile Beacon donated 75 laptops with hotspots to Nibley Park, Bryant, Mountain View and Glendale
• SLCSD (Salt Lake City School District) laptops were distributed to students.

• **Student Packet Support:**
  - Student study and homework packets were distributed to students.

• **Other Resources:**
  - Walmart gift cards are available for SLCSD students and families who need everyday essentials.
  - UTA bus passes are available to families in need on a limited basis. Families will be able to request them through the hotline.

The Salt Lake Education Foundation has created an Emergency Relief Fund to support our community, including purchasing items needed in the hygiene kits. For the health and safety of our students, we are purchasing all items from trusted vendors. Please consider donating online to help meet the needs of students and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic, and simply select the “Emergency Relief Fund” from the drop-down menu.

We know that many families that are struggling right now, and we are working to meet the growing needs of our families, but we need your help. Your generosity is appreciated as we work to keep our 23,400 students and 4,000 employees safe. We are grateful for your efforts and continued support. **YOUR DONATION will support the Salt Lake Education Foundation Emergency Relief Fund and will be used to provide:**

- Support for three community learning centers (Glendale, Rose Park and Liberty)
- Hand sanitizer, soap and other products for emergency hygiene kits
- Bus passes for families needing to travel to their doctors’ appointments
- Support for families in need of specific products that we don’t have (diapers, baby products, feminine hygiene products and other necessities)
- New grocery bags
- School supplies to be sent home
- Gloves and masks for all employees working in food distribution
  
  *All products are purchased directly from the vendor to prevent the spread of COVID-19.*

Our foundation staff has done an exceptional job in working to meet the needs of our students and families. At this time, we are preparing our emergency response to take place until the end of the school year. We appreciate the generosity of everyone who has come together to help meet the growing needs of our families and students. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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