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"Mardi Bra" event. This is our annual women's personal care products drive. Our 2021 campaign resulted in the biggest one we have ever hosted. With the help of Park City TV, Fox 13, Telemundo, KSOP Country Music (Thank you Dick Jacobson), and many other local media outlets, our "Message" of helping women in need was tremendously received. We cannot say thank you enough to everyone who contributed to help women with vital personal care products – especially homeless women who have it harder than most.

Some of our newest partners deserving a "HUGE THANK YOU" include Best Book Club, Addicts to Advocates, Bonneville Meats, and Schwann's Foods. And again, I need to say that there are so many others who deserve our sincerest expression of gratitude "THANK YOU."

The Covid crisis has caused Salt Lake City Mission to continuously reorganize our efforts and approach outreaches different from our previous model of putting together and hosting large gathering of people coming for assistance. On any

specific day - and especially holidays, setting up in the parking of shelters to serve the hungry and homeless, to still provide meals, while adhering to pandemic restrictions. But "Praise God", dispersing to smaller gatherings in a more refined way presented us tremendous opportunities to serve greater numbers of people at multiple locations. All last year we helped over 157,000 - which was our standing record at that time in our 28-year history. But this is our reality now; in just over the last 6 months, we have provided for over 180,700 individuals. More than ever! And it is all because of "The Power of Partnership" and working together as a caring community. As creative and diverse as we all are, we are setting new standards for outreaches in "meeting the greatest needs" on location.

Some days can seem a bit overwhelming. But by working together, taking some time to recover, and being encouraged by what we are all accomplishing together, I find true fulfillment knowing that we are helping so many. Praise God that so many people are being served! And even those who come to help, the many Volunteers, find great joy working together to help "our neighbors and friends in need." I pray you are experiencing the same fulfillment and joy in helping others through your support.

What a rewarding point of focus to positively drive our own lives, especially in knowing that "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done" - Proverbs 19:17.

God bless you all....!!

Pastor Joe

## Let's Bring Joy To A Struggling Family In A Special Way!

Join us this Mother's Day and Father's Day as we welcome families in need, with sincere compassion and concern for their welfare.

## HOLIDAY FOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

Visit our website for the latest event updates, dates & times

## Reminder!

Please remember that as the Summer season approaches, the Mission will be headed into what is referred to as the "Summer Slump". Donations generally go down due to Summer family activities and vacation planning. Poverty does not take a vacation and neither do we. **Please plan ahead on how you will support Salt Lake City Mission's ongoing efforts this Summer.**



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# Meeting Their Greatest Needs!

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## THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP!

### Message from Pastor Joe Vazquez, Co-Director, Salt Lake City Mission

I am ever grateful again! Our great God keeps showing his love and compassion through our unified efforts as a ministry and community of loving people, as we joined together to help the poorest in our great state of Utah. Salt Lake City Mission is so blessed to work in partnership with so many caring individuals and businesses who put aside their own frustrations to help others, as we all still try to overcome the stress and strain, we all went through during this past year due to the Covid Crisis.

The past 6 months have been especially significant as it shows how the "Power of Partnership" can really have a tremendous effect in the lives of so many of our struggling neighbors throughout our communities. With so many to thank, I don't know where to begin naming everyone who helped our mission of feeding more people than ever before.

One business I would like to draw at-



tention to is **Centerplate Catering** who provides food services and catering for the Salt Palace and the Mountain America Expo Center. Since the Covid pandemic, Centerplate Catering has experienced their own struggles losing

business as they have also been severely impacted by the Covid crisis. Many convention gatherings were suspended, thus impacting their revenue. But regardless of their own hardship, they have stepped up as a caring company to assist Salt Lake City Mission this past Thanksgiving and Easter holidays by preparing food for our Thanksgiving and Easter meal outreach events that feed the poor. Truly, without Centerplate Catering, headed by Executive Chef Javier Rosa, we would not have been able to provide prepared meals to individuals for the Holidays. I encourage everyone to say "Thank you" to Centerplate when you are at your next convention or gathering at one of the locations they are providing food service.

The last 12 months have been amazing as a service provid-

er, yearning to help as many people as we can amid the overwhelming times we all face. I would be scratching my head trying to figure out how our 10 staff members could have possibly helped 184,751 people with goods and services over the last half of our Fiscal



Pastor Joe Vazquez (middle) and Chef Javier Rosa (Centerplate Catering) being interviewed by FOX 13's "The Place" morning show.

Year alone (Oct. 1- Apr. 15), if it were not for the profound realization of the "Power of Partnership" and what working together can achieve.

**All that we have accomplished**, and continue to do, could only be possible by the hundreds of volunteers, dozens of churches and other service agencies, private businesses, and individual support could all this happen. We really feel "Blessed and Fortunate" to be a catalyst bringing so many elements of the community together to provide aid for such a great multitude of families and individuals coming for help. I want to give a "BIG" shout out to our financial donors by saying "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!" It is a wonderful thing to see, that during such a tragic time in our country, individuals would continue to support the Mission and our goals to help people who are struggling, locally here in our great State. Together we are providing critical care for record numbers of our neighbors during this pandemic.

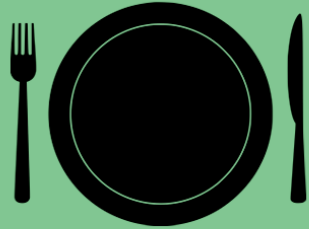
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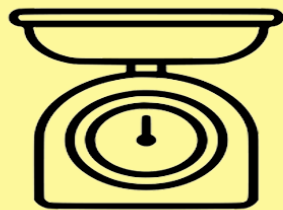


During the Last 6 months we...

Provided over 561,400 meals to the homeless & hungry



Distributed over 369,975 articles of clothing (which includes 5,975 pairs of shoes)



Impacted over 187,750 people thru assistance & positive change!



We continue to partner with hundreds of local Orgs & businesses to feed & care for people in need



# A Community Unites!

Since the start of 2021 we have continued to reach out as much as we can to provide food and vital essentials to families in need, the homeless, and individuals who are finding it really tough to to make it through these days.

“During many of our outreach events as we provide vital food assistance, we are working in conjunction with local tv and radio stations, malls and event centers, churches, schools, and going directly to apartment complexes, delivering prepared meals and food boxes. We engage service providers, businesses, and government agencies as well.

There have also been many new ventures in which we were able to serve the hungry that include: food box distributions

city-wide, Coats for Kids (which added to our One Warm Coat/ Burlington) partnership, A Health Fair & Food Giveaway/ Orem, The International Day of the Woman (with United Women of Utah), and 7 Easter Food Box Giveaway locations (helping over 10,000 families). These extra activities were in addition to our normal pantry operations, and the “Upward Motion, Men’s Discipleship Recovery Program” that are still ongoing daily”.

- Pastor Joe



“In considering the “Power of Partnership”, and by all of us putting aside agendas of our own, we are coming together under the banner of “UNITY” to help others in crisis”.

“Together we are made stronger!”



Volunteers and community support are an integral part of our success in assisting so many in need of help and feeding more people than ever before.

