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\$20,000 donated to Tabitha's Way Local Food Pantry.
The Utah Central Association of REALTORS®

OREM, UT— The events this year for The Utah Central Association of REALTORS® (UCAR) were canceled or turned into virtual events. A silver lining to this disruption was that we had unused funds that were budgeted to hold these events. Our leadership met and decided that a bright side to this disruption would be to donate these funds to provide food for those in need, many because of COVID-19.

At the UCAR's December luncheon, which was also turned into a virtual event, UCAR presented a \$20,000 check to Tabitha's Way Executive Director Wendy Osborne.

"We are super excited to have the opportunity because of COVID-19...to present a check for \$20,000 to Tabitha's Way an incredible organization dedicated to uplifting our community. The money that would've been spent on our events, specifically catering, will be put to great use in helping those of our community" said Steven Bond the 2020 UCAR president.

"What a great opportunity to make something good out of the unusual circumstances COVID has created" said Andrew Ford the 2021 incoming UCAR president.

Osborne and Community Development Coordinator Lillian Kump received the check, Osborne said, "This check is amazing. \$20,000 is 100,000 meals. These are families within our communities that are struggling right now, especially with COVID, we've seen an increase of 35% of local families. Many people think that pantries only serve those that are homeless or transient or people that don't want to work and that is really not the truth. These are hard-working families that are going through things such as COVID, or lost a family member, or individuals struggling with mental health and seniors, many seniors, and veterans who are on fixed incomes. And the children. Children account for over 50% of those we serve. From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of Tabitha's Way I just want to say thank you."

About Utah Central Association of Realtors®: Since founding in 1921, the Utah Central Association of REALTORS® has been The Voice for Real Estate in Utah County. UCAR is a non-profit association dedicated to defending and protecting property rights, and providing REALTORS® top notch service and education.

About Tabitha's Way Food Pantry: Founded in June 2010 by Wendy & Jody Osborne, after Wendy felt inspired to help the food insecure in her local community of South Utah County. There are two free pantries in Utah County, one in American Fork and one in Spanish Fork. In 2019 they served more than 80,000 local individuals that are in need and more than half of them are children. Name "Tabitha" is a reference to a woman in the Bible that cared for those in need.

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