

Day of Service at Thanksgiving Point to Help Food-Insecure Children

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Thanksgiving Point will partner with the Granite Education Foundation to help kids who suffer with hunger

LEHI, Utah (January 4, 2022) – Thanksgiving Point is excited to invite the community to participate in its annual Day of Service, held at the Museum of Natural Curiosity on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 17, 2022). This year, Thanksgiving Point is bringing awareness to the hunger crisis in the community by creating "food bags" for students in Granite School District.

Thanksgiving Point, in partnership with the Granite Education Foundation, will be putting together bags of food for the Granite Education Foundation School Food Pantry program. The School Food Pantry Program provides a range of kits that students in the Granite School District can pick up and take home. On the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Thanksgiving Point guests, employees, and partners will be invited to share in giving back to the community by making weekend and snack bags.

Many students in the Granite School District currently suffer with hunger. 54 percent of students in the Granite School District live at or below the poverty level, and 65 percent of students are food insecure. As a nonprofit, community-owned organization, Thanksgiving Point understands the importance of giving back to the community. "In order to fulfill our mission and have transformative family learning, students must be healthy, not hungry," says Amberlyn Johnson, Signature Experiences Manager at Thanksgiving Point. "We are grateful to partner with the Granite Education Foundation and help those who may be suffering."

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Thanksgiving Point has been a tradition since 2020. Due to COVID, Thanksgiving Point was unable to host this event in 2021. In the past, Thanksgiving Point has dedicated the Day of Service to the Serving with Smiles organization. Events like the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service gives Thanksgiving Point the opportunity to highlight and express gratitude for other organizations that improve the community.

This free service project will be at the Museum of Natural Curiosity on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 10 am to 3 pm. Access to the service project does not require tickets, but admission to the museum is not included with the event. For more information, please visit thanksgivingpoint.org/events/martin-luther-king-jr-day.

About Thanksgiving Point

Thanksgiving Point is a community-owned nonprofit garden, museum, and farm complex founded as a gathering place and gift to the community. Created in 1995 by Alan and Karen Ashton, Thanksgiving Point is a center of community engagement and transformative learning for more than two million annual visitors from around the world. Thanksgiving Point is located at 3003 North Thanksgiving Way in Lehi. For more information, call 801.768.2300 or visit thanksgivingpoint.org.

About Granite Education Foundation

Granite Education Foundation exists to reduce learning barriers to students and to enhance the capacity of instructors and administrators — in ways that complement and are beyond Granite School District's academic-focused objectives. For more information, call 385.646.KIDS or visit granitekids.org.

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