

PRESS RELEASE

UBMC Donates to Local Food Pantry

January 11, 2012: Uintah Basin Medical Center pulled together this holiday season to make a difference. The Radiology Department and OB Department were behind the effort of a holiday food drive. Collection points were in the Radiology Department, OB Department, Women's Health Center, Clinics, Medical Surgical Unit, and in the hospital lobby. During the holiday season, the group was able to collect many food and hygiene items for our local food pantry.

The two departments were able to raise **over 1000 pounds of food and hygiene items** for the Duchesne County Food Pantry. In addition, UBMC physicians provided substantial monetary donations.

Jason Kelly, UBMC Radiology Department Manager, stated "Participation throughout the Uintah Basin Healthcare campus was fantastic, and it was a tremendous effort by everyone involved."

With Utah food pantries and agencies reporting a 40% increase in emergency food requests in the last couple of years, it is a critical time for food collection and distributions. Donations must remain high to keep up with the increased need for food and hygiene items.

Millions of Americans are faced with tough economic challenges. Ginette Bott, Chief Marketing Officer for Utah Food Bank explains, "One out of seven Utah children is facing hunger and we must give collectively as a community in order to have the food that is needed to make a difference where we live." Donations just like this one from UBMC can really make a difference.

The Duchesne County Food Pantry is still in need of diapers, wipes, formula, and other infant care items. Donations can be made at the Duchesne County Food Pantry located at 420 East 100 South in Roosevelt, Utah. Hours of operation are Mondays from 10 AM – 2 PM, Wednesdays from 2 PM – 6 PM and Fridays from 10 AM – 2 PM.

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Pictured Above: The UBMC Radiology Department gets ready to deliver food and hygiene items to the Duchesne County Food Pantry.