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Governor Herbert urges Utahns to donate to the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund on tax form

SALT LAKE CITY — After meeting with individuals who are experiencing homelessness today, Gov. Gary R. Herbert encouraged Utahns to donate to the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund on their Utah income tax form.

“In every part of our state, we have individuals and families experiencing homelessness — some for a single night, and some for weeks or months,” said Gov. Herbert. “Donating to the trust fund provides support directly to the services they need most, like emergency shelter, healthcare and food. Utahns are known for helping their neighbors, and that’s exactly who these people are — our neighbors.”

Gov. Herbert visited with some of those neighbors at the Fourth Street Clinic — one of the many service-providers that receive funds from the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund. The clinic provides health screenings, immunizations, mental health and substance abuse services, dental and eye care, pharmacy and other services.

By donating to the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund on their 2015 tax form this tax season, Utahns are supporting statewide efforts focused on delivering critical services for our vulnerable homeless population. All donations to the fund go directly to service organizations statewide that provide vital care and assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The homeless trust fund is leveraged with other state funding to provide the maximum impact for the following services statewide:

- Emergency services – temporary shelters, soup kitchens, day centers and outreach services

- Supportive services – varying levels of case management used to help more people move into stable in housing
- Housing services – rapid rehousing, transitional housing, rental assistance, onsite case management and security

The following agencies, through a competitive grant application process, have received funding through the State Community Services Office:

- Bear River Association of Governments, Logan
- Canyon Creek Women’s Crisis Center, Cedar City
- Catholic Community Services, Salt Lake City
- Center for Women and Children in Crisis, Juab, Utah and Wasatch Counties
- Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse, Logan
- Community Action Services, Provo
- D.O.V.E. Center, Cedar City
- Family Connection Center, Davis County
- Family Promise Salt Lake, Salt Lake City
- Five County Association of Governments, St. George
- Fourth Street Clinic Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Salt Lake City
- Friends of the Coalition, Provo
- Golden Spike Outreach, Provo
- Homeless Veterans Fellowship, Ogden
- Housing Assistance Management Enterprise, Salt Lake City
- Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake, Salt Lake County
- Iron County Care and Share, Cedar City
- Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, Park City
- New Horizons Crisis Center, Richfield
- Community Resources and Development Division, Salt Lake County
- South Valley Sanctuary, West Jordan
- St. Anne’s Center, Ogden
- Switchpoint, St. George
- The Road Home, Salt Lake City
- Tooele County
- Uintah Basin Association of Governments, Vernal
- Uintah County
- Utah Legal Services, statewide
- Valley Behavioral Health, statewide
- Volunteers of America, statewide
- Wasatch Mental Health Services, Provo
- Weber Housing Authority, Ogden
- Your Community Connection, Davis County

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