

Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Service Project

We try to connect our service project to events from Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's family history. We learned of an occasion when Joseph Smith Sr. gave patriarchal blessings, and his family fed the poor dinner.

Steve and Frances Orton came up with the idea to earn funds, allowing us to gather food to topple in domino fashion. It began with boxes of cold cereal and moved to macaroni and cheese.

Mother and Father Smith came from poor backgrounds but always found a way to help feed the hundreds of needy people who came to their doorstep. This year, in their memory, we raised awareness of the growing problem of food insecurity by donating 7,000 boxes of Mac & Cheese to the Utah Food Bank.

On Friday morning, August 2, Steve and Frances Orton, along with Michael and Meagan Kennedy, who brought their trailer, met at Lee's Market after the delivery. Steve was able to get the Associated Foods Truck to take the macaroni and cheese boxes to West High School. For safety reasons, we were unable to unload the macaroni and cheese boxes at the Fieldhouse. The custodian helped us store the food in the shop because it could be locked.

Lee's Market phoned Steve and Frances Orton on Saturday morning, August 3, as they drove to Salt Lake City from Provo and told them some additional macaroni and cheese boxes were left at their store. The Ortons picked up the cases left behind, filled their car's trunk and back seat, and took them to West High School. The custodian helped and allowed us to use some pallet jacks to transport the supplies to the fieldhouse.

On August 3rd, 2024, we set up the Mac & Cheese boxes in the gymnasium of West High School, competing in seven groups representing one of each family line with living posterity. We stood shoulder to shoulder and passed the boxes hand to hand. We loaded the Mac & Cheese boxes in trucking gaylords, and then they went to the Utah Food Bank truck. We figure 7,000 boxes will be the main course for over 20,000 hungry neighbors.



Steve and Frances Orton making sure all deliveries made it



Sterling Orton unpacking the first case of macaroni and cheese

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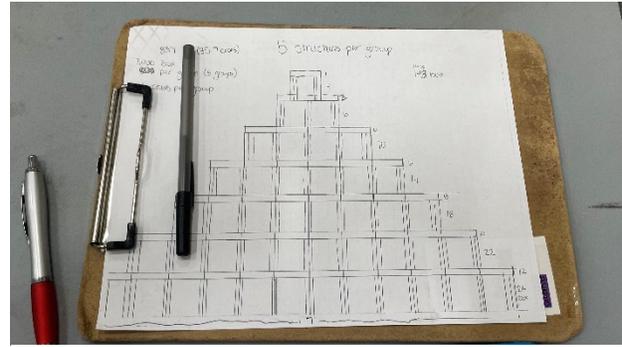
Michael Kennedy Jr. bringing in some cases with a pallet jack



Michael Kennedy Jr., Ronnie Johnson (the custodian), Sterling Orton, Kathy Ruggiero, LuAnn Adams, and



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Michael and Meagan Kennedy drew out how they wanted the towers to go - representing each of the generations back to Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith – then connecting or linking them together



Kyla Kennedy and Kortney Kennedy



Michael Jr. & Meagan Kennedy handled the youth activity portion of the service project and created some fun



Kortney, Meagan, Michael, and Kyla Kennedy with Katie & Forest Shult

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The Food Bank Truck delivered the gaylords to put all the cases of macaroni and cheese inside



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Nelson Abbott, Food Bank Truck Driver, Steve Orton, and Matt Ballard



Food Bank Truck Driver



Frances & Steve Orton at the microphone, Daniel Adams, Brady and Audrey Orton with the Shultz's, Kennedy's, and Bryan Davis in the background



Frances & Steve Orton



Alex Boye signing our Smith helping hands banner

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Sidni French and Elodie French



Darcy Kennedy



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Back center: Meagan Kennedy and in the pink shirt, Alisha Brown



Nelson Abbott, Steve Orton, Heather, Josh, and Maggie Abbott



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Seth, Scott, Josh, Sheradon Orton with Jane Munson, not identified yet



Center: Tamara Lemon and Cherie Yates

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Fred and Betty Rabe, Brent Rabe, Ryan & Liz Nixon, Julie Rabe, and Susie Rabe.

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Mike Kennedy



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Bryan Davis, Joey Orton with sons, Scott and Seth



Brady Orton



Cody Larsen, with nephew Kuechly Larsen who is with his dad, Ty



Ty, Kuechly, and Keelan Larsen from Warrensburg, Missouri

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Kyla Kennedy, not identified yet, Michael Kennedy Jr., Katie Shult, Meagan Kennedy, Dan Patrick, and not identified yet



Nelson Abbott, Michael Jr. & Meagan Kennedy, Rick Smith, Eric Larsen, (in background: Forest & Katie Shult), and Steve Orton



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Frances & Steve Orton sending the filled gaylords off to the Utah Food Bank