

The event was organized by UVU's Utah International Mountain Forum Club, and partnered with other clubs such as the Rotaract Club at UVU and the Foreign Affairs Club, all of which are dedicated to providing service to the community around them. As students arrived at the event, supplies from towels to razors to sanitary pads were laid out on the table and ready to be packaged. Club leaders such as Janessa Michelle-Purcell and Natalia Figueroa coordinated with both Tabitha's Way and United Action to determine the appropriate amount of supplies to gather for assembling. In total, 50 kits were prepared to be distributed, with only some minor recounting needed to make sure every bag had what it needed.



UIMF Club Member, Alley Holt, Assembling Hygiene Kits

Once all the hygiene kits were assembled, members of the club participating in the event took the time to meet together and plan future service projects and plans, with a special interest in finding ways to go out into the community and engage there. At the end of the event, the packs were dropped off by club members at the food pantries and distribution centers, to be given to those in need.

In participating in this event, I was reminded of all the ways in which it is possible to give service to the community around me. Students came together for the sole purpose of doing something that could help someone in need. It demonstrated that there is so much work we can do to be helping hands in our community, even if we just take one night out of our busy week. The students were the ones who put this together and in participating in these types of events, I have learned that as students here at Utah Valley University, we can make a difference in our community.



Club Members Participating in the Hygiene Kits Service Project

I learn so much about teamwork and dedication to a cause I care about as I participate in events like these to serve our community. I got the chance to connect with many students who are also

looking to make a difference in their community and help bring awareness to issues often forgotten in the busy lives of college students. I was again reminded that a lot of the service we do may be small, 50 kits isn't enough to save everyone, but it is impactful in the lives of those it reaches.

Events like these would not be possible without all the hard work of the organizations we work with to support those in need. Tabitha's Way and United Action are both local groups concerned with the welfare of the community. They deliver food, resources, and support to those who may not have it. Club members and leaders at Utah Valley University dedicate hours of their time to organizing and supporting service projects like this that would not be possible without them. And everyone involved will continue to look for ways to serve our community, even if it is just 50 kits at a time.

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