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### **Utah's Own Partnering with Dairy West Curds + Kindness Initiative**

Curds + Kindness, an initiative created by Dairy West to connect surplus dairy with people at risk of hunger across Utah and Idaho is spending June, National Dairy Month, celebrating our frontline workers and thanking them by distributing grilled cheese sandwiches and cheese curds to employees of hospitals and clinics, food banks, and police and fire stations across the Wasatch Front.

Utah's Own, a state-funded program run by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food with the mission of supporting Utah's food and agriculture communities by helping consumers discover local producers, is pleased to partner with Dairy West, connecting them with donated or at-cost goods from Utah's Own member companies Gossner Foods, Beehive Cheese, Heber Valley Cheese, Stone Ground Bakery, and Creamies Premium Ice Cream Co.

Created in response to deficiencies in our food supply chain, Dairy West's Curds + Kindness initiative has now donated over 831,000 lbs of product across Utah and Idaho with plans to partner with school sites to feed hungry children later this summer.

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Commissioner Logan Wilde and Jenny Nelson, Senior Vice President of Innovation and Partnerships for Dairy West, will be in attendance and available for interviews at this Thursday's Dairy West Curds + Kindness event at:

#### **The Utah Food Bank**

3150 S 900 W, South Salt Lake City, UT 84119  
1:00PM - 1:30PM

For members of the media: We welcome your presence - if you would like to attend please contact Caroline Hargraves: 801-982-2353, [carolinehargraves@utah.gov](mailto:carolinehargraves@utah.gov)

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