USU students provide food to aid area pantries

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LOGAN, Utah (ABC4 News) – Students from Utah State University are providing food at the University’s Student Nutrition (SNAC) to individuals and families to aid area food pantries.

The (SNAC) is serviced by student volunteers, according to organizers. The student-led project was supported by USU Extension, the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences (NDFS) and USU’s Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and was brought about as a way to use the fruit that would otherwise go to waste because homeowners or farmers were unable to harvest it.

Last fall, organizers say 294 project volunteers gathered apples and other fruit in cooperation with 89 local fruit tree owners. By the end of October, over 15,000 pounds of fruit were harvested for donation. The fruit that wasn’t high enough quality to donate for fresh eating was made into 259 pints of applesauce made by student volunteers and USU dietetic interns. The applesauce was then donated to SNAC at a time when many food resources are in short supply at area food pantries.

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