

**August**

- 26 Beautiful Gardens on Less Water @ Orem Public Library, 7 pm
- 29 Festival Latinoamericano @ 51 S. University Ave. in Provo, 12-6 pm
- 30 Festival Latinoamericano @ 51 S. University Ave. in Provo, 10 am–10pm

**September**

- 1 Festival Latinoamericano @ 51 S. University Ave. in Provo, 10 am–10 pm
- 4 United Way Day of Caring @ LaVell Edwards Stadium, 7:30 am
- 5 Provo’s Downtown Gallery Stroll @ Downtown Provo, 6-9 pm
- 6 Provo Farmers’ Market @ Pioneer Park, 9 am– 1 pm
- 13 Annual Suicide Prevention Walk @ Clark Auditorium, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, 8 am

“The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.”  
*-Walter Bagehot*

**September’s Host:**

**Center for High School Studies**  
**Thursday, September 18**  
**3 pm**

**D I D Y O U K N O W ?**

- Provo Public Library now offers a Mother and Daughter Book Club that will meet the first Tuesday of each month where mothers and daughters discuss a chapter book they have read together. There will be crafts and light refreshments. The next meeting will be September 2nd from 7-8 pm. To find out this month’s book and pre-register, call 852-6682 or visit the Children’s Desk.
- The Provo area was recently announced as No. 1 in the nation for volunteering by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Provo area was listed as having an adult volunteer rate of 63.8 percent. Utah had the highest volunteer rate among the states. This is compared to the nation’s average of 27.2 percent. Iowa City came in No. 2 with 45.1 percent. Salt Lake City was the second highest Large City with 37.2 percent.



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# CONNECTIONS



AN INTERAGENCY NEWSLETTER FROM UNITED WAY OF UTAH COUNTY

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## Latino Student Outreach at Utah Valley University

Utah Valley University is making great strides in reaching out to the growing Latino population as it gives Latinos opportunities to achieve higher education. Utah Valley University began the Latino Initiative.

The Latino Initiative is built around many components to provide Latinos with the opportunity to attend college and realize their true potential. The Initiative was first built around the Latinos Unidos Mentoring

Program where UVU student mentors visited elementary, middle and high schools to tell the Latino population about the possibilities of attending college. In addition UVU hosts elementary student visits on UVU campus, so they can see the wide variety of ethnic diversity on campus.

Utah Valley University also hosts the Celebración Latinoamericana where 32 awards and scholarships are presented to Latino Students. More than 850 attended the event in March of this year.

Latino Educators of Tomorrow Program is helping Latino Students at UVU gain entrance into the School of Education and expand the number of

Latino educators in the public school system in Utah County.

To reach the Latino parents, UVU holds a Latino Parent Open House where attendees are educated about educational funding, receive materials about UVU in Spanish, helping their student apply and learning about the campus.



UVU recently has translated many of its materials and parts of its website into Spanish.

Many other efforts have been made to increase the ethnic diversity on campus. In the past year, the number of Latino students has grown 18 percent and now over 1,450 Latino students call UVU their home.

UVU plans to continue to expand and reach out to this populations through many different programs and partnering with other organizations in the community that support UVU's Latino Initiative mission of providing educational opportunities for this under-represented population.

For more information about the Latino Student Outreach at Utah Valley University please contact Kyle Reyes at 801-863-6766.

## July 211 Report

United Way 211 of Utah County is providing information, referrals and opportunities to serve in Utah County every day! In July, we had 5617 visits to our online database at [www.unitedwayuc.org](http://www.unitedwayuc.org) of programs and volunteer opportunities which is an increase of 172% from the last year.

Some programs that have recently been added are free pregnancy testing at the Pregnancy Resource Center, Making Equity Count for Classroom Achievement at UVU, and Hoofbeats for Healing an equine therapy program in Palmyra, Utah.

Our overall 211 call volume has increased 6 percent from last year. The most frequent calls for resources were about housing, food, legal, medical, mental health, disabilities and taxes.

Court-appointed service and donations continue to be the most popular reasons volunteers contact us in person or by phone, followed by group projects.

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