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Del Taco Makes \$15,000 Donation to Utah Guard Charitable Trust

DRAPER, Utah – Following a fundraising promotion in several of his Del Taco restaurants, Utah Del president Paul Hitzelberger will formally present a donation to the Utah National Guard Charitable Trust in a ceremony Thursday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at the Utah Guard's Draper Headquarters.

Hitzelberger will present a \$15,000 check to Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, who will accept the donation on behalf of the Trust.

The Utah restaurant chain held the December promotion in its 18 stores statewide where customers were invited to make \$1 donations on behalf of Utah National Guard (UTNG) Kids. The campaign brought in the largest amount ever collected by Utah Del for a local charity, according to spokesman Jerry Kiehn.

"This was phenomenal!" said Kiehn, of customers' response to the fundraiser.

"We approached the Utah National Guard to assist with dependent kids," added Kiehn. "We have several programs where we work with schools and the medical community. Our whole goal has been toward children, so this seemed like a good fit."

Utah Del's donation will go to support youth camps and other UTNG Kids activities for children of Utah National Guard members.

Created in 2005 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, the funds of the Utah National Guard Charitable Trust assist Utah military families with medical, home, or property emergencies, lost wages, travel expenses of wounded Soldiers' families or other unexpected financial needs that arise during deployment of their Service member. Funds also support programs like UTNG Kids.

Since its creation, the Trust has disbursed approximately \$400,000 among hundreds of families, typically to offset financial hardships incurred during deployment of their Servicemember.

For more information on Del Taco's support of the military, please contact Jerry Kiehn at (801) 824-7024.