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## **UGRA Supports Local Food Banks through Food Drive**

UGRA Assistant General Manager, Tammy Thompson, was inspired to support local food banks during the 2020 holiday season and the ongoing pandemic and rallied her coworkers to join her. This year, instead of the traditional secret Santa gift exchange among coworkers, the UGRA staff chose to donate cash, nonperishable food items, and toiletries to the Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. "I'm honored to work with such amazing team members. I can't say enough about their commitment to our mission and this community. Tammy's initiative to spearhead this effort is indicative of the caliber of staff at UGRA and our organizational culture," said Ray Buck, UGRA General Manager.

A donation box and collection jar were placed in the UGRA lobby from December through January. All UGRA staff and some visitors participated in the food drive. Donations were divided equally, and the first batch of items were delivered to CAM and St. Vincent de Paul in December. Recently, Thompson delivered the remaining donations to the two food banks along with \$120 cash for each. "We are extremely grateful to CAM and St. Vincent de Paul for the assistance they offer our community. This year has been incredibly tough for so many and it was our pleasure to work with both of these wonderful organizations to support their mission in Kerr County," said Thompson.



UGRA Assistant General Manager, Tammy Thompson (left), delivered cash, nonperishable food items, and toiletries to volunteers at the Christian Assistance Ministry (left picture) and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (right picture). This was the second round of donations collected by UGRA staff since December.

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