

Press Release



Utah Jazz and Mountain America Credit Union “Pass it Along” to Dyslexia Center of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (January 28, 2021) – The Utah Jazz and Mountain America Credit Union announced today that the Dyslexia Center of Utah is the first recipient of the \$5,000 “Pass It Along” award for the 2020-21 season. The program features fan-nominated opportunities that reward five local charitable organizations with \$5,000 each. Since its inception in 2013, “Pass It Along” has now contributed \$185,000 to 37 local nonprofits.



The Dyslexia Center of Utah uses innovative instruction to inspire and transform students with learning differences into confident, independent and successful readers. Learners get individualized instruction that caters to their needs, builds their self-confidence to become active learners and prepares them to enter other academic settings advocating for themselves in a life of learning.

“On behalf of the Dyslexia Center of Utah, we are incredibly thrilled and honored to be selected as a recipient of the Utah Jazz and Mountain America Credit Union ‘Pass It Along’ award,” said Shelley Hatch, Executive Director of the Dyslexia Center of Utah. “This award will expedite the growth of the Dyslexia Center’s cutting-edge curriculum, assist families who cannot afford tutoring and enliven tutoring classrooms.”

Mountain America Credit Union President and CEO Sterling Nielsen recently met with representatives from the Dyslexia Center of Utah to learn about the organization’s mission and how the organization’s curriculum can help children struggling with reading, writing and spelling.

“As we kick off the eighth season of our ‘Pass it Along’ program, Mountain America is pleased to support the Dyslexia Center of Utah,” said Nielsen. “The personalized tutoring sessions at the Dyslexia Center of Utah equip children with skills to overcome learning variances, paving the way for future successes and boosting self-esteem.”

The Dyslexia Center of Utah will receive its check at a presentation prior to Friday night’s game against the Dallas Mavericks.

Fans are encouraged to nominate local charitable groups that they feel go above and beyond in giving back to the community via www.utahjazz.com/passitalong. One winner will be announced each month, from January through June 2021, for a total of \$25,000 donated to five deserving organizations.

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About the Utah Jazz

Founded as the 18th member of the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1974, and located in Salt Lake City since 1979, the Utah Jazz are committed to excellence as a team and in the community. On the court, the Jazz are the second-winningest team in the NBA over the last 30 years, having won nine division titles and two Western Conference championships along with 16 seasons of 50-plus wins, and are supported by one of the most passionate fan bases in all of sports. The Utah Jazz also operate the Junior Jazz program, the largest and longest-running youth basketball league in the NBA, featuring more than 60,000 players and an additional 13,000 volunteers who take part annually across six states. For more information on the Utah Jazz, visit www.utahjazz.com.

About Mountain America Credit Union

With more than 950,000 members and \$11 billion in assets, Mountain America Credit Union assists members on the right path to help them identify and achieve their financial dreams. Mountain America provides consumers and businesses with a variety of convenient, flexible products and services, as well as sound, timely advice. Members enjoy access to secure, cutting-edge mobile banking technology, over 95 branches across six states, and more than 50,000 surcharge-free ATMs. Mountain America—guiding you forward. Learn more at macu.com.

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