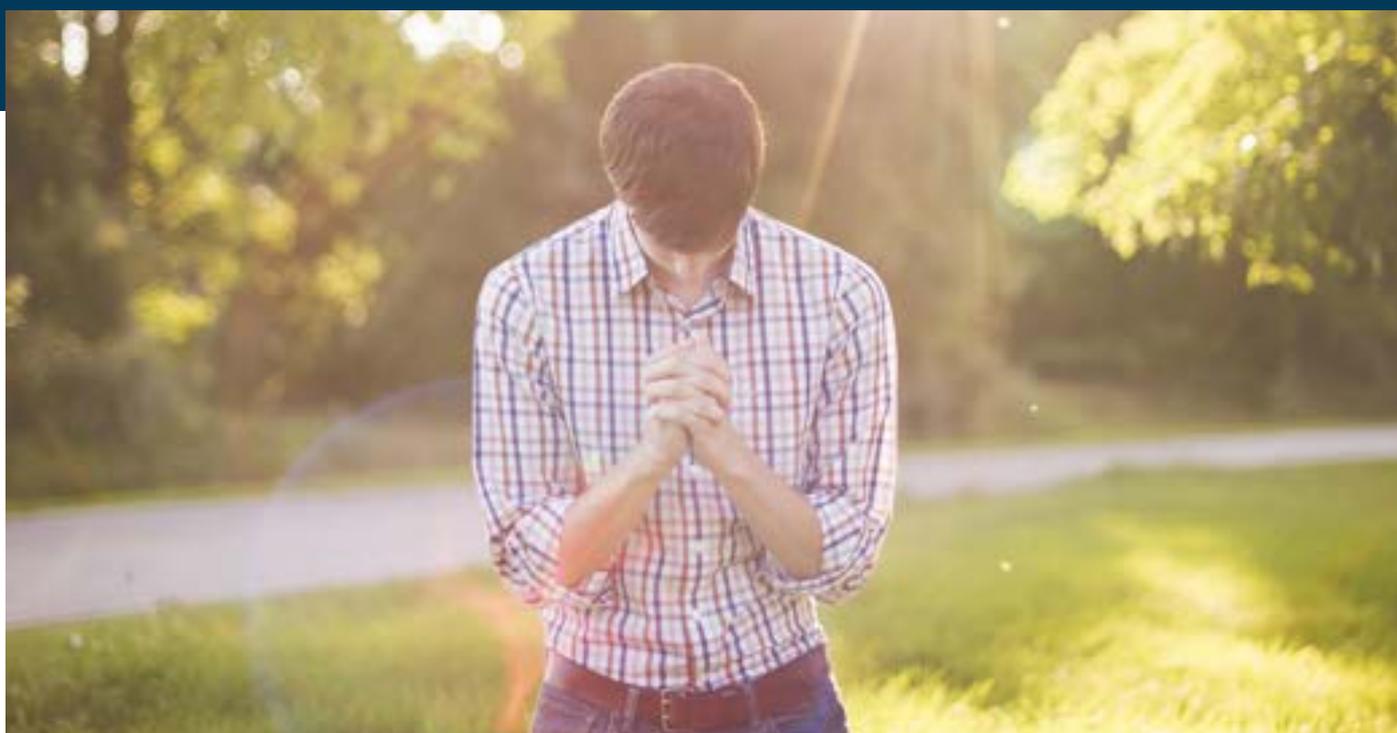


CORONA STAKE NEWS

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Meet President Waddoups

SECOND COUNSELOR IN THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Where did you grow up? Ammon Idaho! Named after the Ammon that protected the king's sheep by cutting arms and slinging rocks!

Where did you serve your mission? Do you speak another language? Ecuador, Spanish Speaking

Where did you attend college? BYU, VCU, NSU

How did you meet your wife? BYU

What did you do on your first date with your wife? We played red rover and I snuck up and held her hand and asked her if we could start the red rover line where we were standing. She blushed and I felt like "The man" because I came up with such a lame pick up line. LOL!

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CHURCH
RECONITIONS
FOR SERVICE!**

Meet President Waddoups

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How many children do you have? Ages? Three kids, Ava, Tanner and Beckham all under 11 years old.

What do you do for work? Orthodontist

What are some of your hobbies? Ultimate Frisbee, Motorcycle Riding with my wife and kids, Hiking, Running, Paintballing, Snow skiing, Fishing, Snowmobiling, RVing, Waterskiing, and anything you can do outside!

If you could choose anything to do for a day, what would it be? Go to the Temple with my wife and kids. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK!!!!

How would your friends describe you? Goofy, fun, ready to be rowdy and ready to put the kids to work.

Aside from necessities, what one thing could you not go a day without? Reading the Book of Mormon and studying the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I made myself a promise when I got my patriarchal blessing that I would never miss a day of studying and pondering the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What's your favorite holiday? CHRISTMAS!!!!!! BEST HOLIDAY EVER CELEBRATING THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED, THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!!!!

What's your favorite fast food chain? Fast food is not one of my favorites. I like it when Emily cooks for me :)!

What's your favorite family tradition? Yearly family vacation to the mountains in Idaho for some family time and wholesome outdoor goodness!

Does your family have a “motto” – spoken or unspoken? We always get back up, ALWAYS! With a last name that sounds like WHATS UP you have to be sure you keep getting BACK UP!

Favorite scripture? When I was 19 in the jungles of Ecuador I delivered a baby to a dying mother, within an hour of that delivery I was present while a man



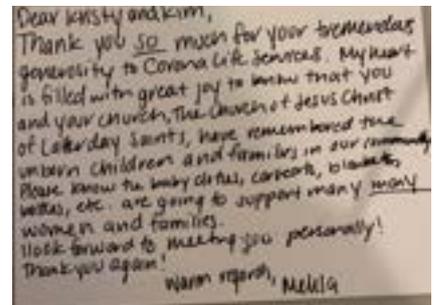
gave his last breath and died, and God taught me through this experience and this scripture later that same week. Ever since it has been my favorite scripture and has made all the difference! Moses 6:59 *That by reason of transgression cometh the fall, which fall bringeth death, and inasmuch as ye were born into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, and so became of dust a living soul, even so ye must be born again into the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten; that ye might be sanctified from all sin, and enjoy the words of eternal life in this world, and eternal life in the world to come, even immortal glory;*

On a scale of 1-10 how funny would you say you are? Well, I think I'm a 9 but I'm pretty sure I've got a skewed view of how funny I am... probably more around a 5.

Are you a dog or cat person? Dog, but I like those little kittens so much too!

What should people know about you? I love God and I'm trying to love my neighbor!

What are you most looking forward to as you serve in the Stake Presidency? I'm looking forward to getting to know more Saints! I'm also excited to serve, feel, and share in the great faith and love our stake has for our Savior Jesus Christ.



CORONA STAKE MEMBERS DONATE TO CORONA LIFE SERVICES

On March 31, 2021 Kim Lay and Kristy Jones—members of the Corona Stake Communication Council and JustServe delivered a full truckload of donations to Corona Life Services. CLS is an organization that helps people who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. In February Corona Life Services posted a “wish list” of items they were in need of on social media and the Corona Stake reached out to them. The Stake Relief Society then organized a donation drive for the items needed and the donation list filled up in one day! “Members of our stake are so generous” said Chandra Frost the Stake Relief Society Second Counselor. Items were dropped off at various designated homes, they were collected and delivered to the Corona Life Services office in Corona on Main Street. During the drop off, the staff gave a tour of

the facility. During the tour, CLS explained how they offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy counseling, options education, childbirth and lactation counseling, and a parenting program that they can earn points in order to “shop” in their boutique. The Executive Director of CLS Melisa Lindros sent a thank you note that reads “Thank you so much for your tremendous generosity to Corona Life Services. My heart is filled with great joy to know that you and your church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, have remembered the unborn children and families in our community. Please know the baby clothes, car seats, blankets, bottles, etc. are going to support many, many women and families.” If you would like to know more about Corona Life Services, please visit their website at coronalife.org



Cleanup Duty!

SKYLINE TRAIL



On Saturday morning April 10th members of the Corona Stake showed up to the Skyline Trail Cleanup Day that was hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department in the City of Corona. The cleanup consisted of picking up trash along Hagador Trail and spray painting over graffiti. A youth group from Citrus Hills Ward, a young single adult group, and various families in the Corona Stake came out to participate. The organizer of the event Michelle Wentworth said, “I was worried no one would show up but we got over 100 helpers today. Thank you to all who were stewards of our trails.”

Top Left Photo: Various volunteers

Middle Photo: The Avalos family

Bottom Left Photo: Sterling and McKinley Willardson, Jace Lay, Rex Nelson, Pierce Willardson, Noah Lay

Bottom Right Photo: Adam Millett, Peter Child, Jalen Bertrand





"The missionaries have truly made a difference for hundreds of local youth"

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Riverside and the Corona-Norco Family YMCA partner together to make a difference for local youth.



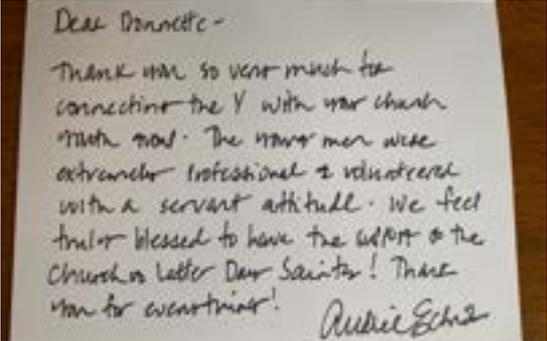
YMCA Healthy Kids Day has served as the Y's biggest event celebrating the health and well-being of kids and families for 28 years. On Friday, April 16th, the

Corona-Norco Family YMCA was blessed to have four Elders from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints volunteer to stuff 285 Healthy Kids Day backpacks for the YMCA Healthy Kids Day which was held on Friday, April 23. The event was held at nine childcare sites and consisted of group games, healthy snacks, nutritional information and education.

Elder Jones, Stepan, Langford and Wardell (pictured above) organized several tables filled with healthy snacks, pencils and flying discs. The youth volunteers created an assembly line to fill 285 backpacks over a two-hour period. When asked about their experience with working with the YMCA the missionaries said, "We really enjoy the chance that we get to serve with the YMCA. So many people in this world need love and compassion and so we're thankful what we got to spread some love alongside the amazing members of the YMCA."

The YMCA sent a thank you card last month thanking the Elders for their service and dedication to the Y kids and families. They also said, "The missionaries have truly made a difference for hundreds of local youth."

As YMCA continues to invest in the local community they hope to continue to collaborate and work with the missionaries. They are grateful that the missionaries can provide assistance with projects. The YMCA is also interested in having youth groups from our church volunteer as well. Please contact Kristy Jones for more volunteer information with the YMCA. #JustServe



Peppermint Ridge



Empowering Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Since 1959

Hillside Farms Cookie Project

BY LAURALYNN HAKE

On April 6, 2021 Lura Staffason from the Auburndale Ward joined the Women's Improvement Club for the day to volunteer to help make cookies for a fundraiser for Peppermint Ridge. Scores of volunteers roll the dough into balls and pack them into freezers to help Karlene Allen the cookie inventor and owner of Hillside Farm in Norco. Sister Staffason's job duty was to roll the cookie dough, she described the experience as "a fun and really delightful experience."

Allen sells her world-famous Ginger Cookies at her Crafts Fair two times a year, and her last event (2 years ago because of Covid) sold 72,000 cookies! Part of the proceeds from the sale of the cookies goes to support Peppermint Ridge a non-profit organization that cares for and houses adults with special needs. Currently Peppermint Ridge has approximately 100 residents in 11 homes throughout Corona.

Giving back to Peppermint Ridge means a great deal to Allen because she has a special needs daughter.

These Ginger Cookies are extremely popular, and if you have not tried these cookies or had a chance to volunteer to make them, you are missing out on an amazing experience and a chance to help out a wonderful organization.

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Top Picture: Lura Staffason on bottom right serving with her fellow members of the Women's Improvement Club

Picture Bottom Left: Owner Karlene Allen pictured on right side

Picture Bottom Right: Amelia president of the Women's Improvement Club



Local Church Members and Missionaries Get Recognized for Volunteer Service

BY KIM LAY

On Saturday April 3, 2021 at Corona City Hall, the organization For the People Task Force celebrated their one-year anniversary of their food distribution. Members from the Corona Stake, Heidi and Kade Francom, Donnette Wheat, the Lay family, and the Riverside Mission were recognized and received volunteer awards for their ongoing service from the City of Corona, Corona Chamber of Commerce, Riverside County Supervisor- Karen Spiegel, and from State Assembly Woman-Sabrina Cervantes.

For over the past year missionaries and church members have been faithfully coming Saturday mornings to help unload semi-trucks of food, setup up food stations, organize and pass out food, and clean up. "We appreciate these guys so much" says Yousuf Bhaghani the director of FTPTF.

FTPTF has been able to give away 10 million pounds of food, over 100,000 containers of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, gloves, masks, over 20,000 hand sewn masks, over 10,000 pillows.

They have made weekly food deliveries to 22 food pantries, held over 60 community food drives throughout inland empire, helped 50 families with rent or utility bills, and distributed over \$2,000 dollars of Christmas gifts. They were able to accomplish this while being self-funded and with the help of volunteers.

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If you are interested in volunteering with this non-profit, please contact Kim Lay at 801-360-0487. They typically meet every other Saturday from 8-11 am at City Hall. You can also visit [JustServe.org](https://www.justserve.org) for ongoing service opportunities in your community.

Left Photo: Elder Bistline and Elder Radford

Top Right Photo: Kade Francom

Bottom Right Photo: Riverside, CA Missionaries, Kim, and Ryan Lay

