



To our Valued Donors, Volunteers, & Community Members,

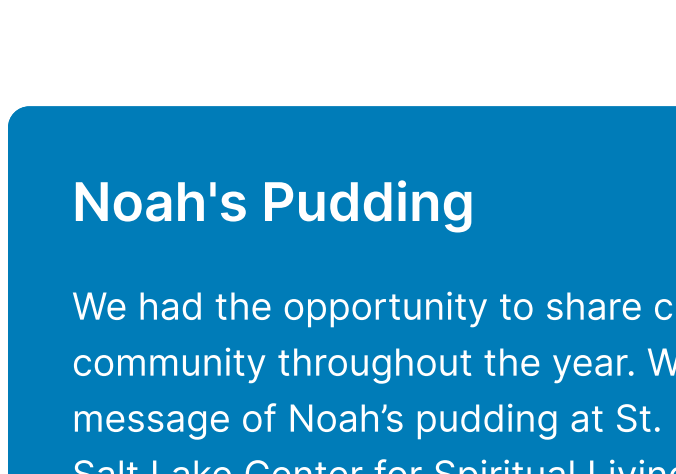
As the year draws to a close, we at Emerald Hills Institute extend our heartfelt gratitude for unwavering support and dedication. Your contributions have been instrumental in fulfilling our mission of building an inclusive community through diverse conversations and compassionate support. In this newsletter, we reflect on some of the most impactful events of the year that have furthered our vision of fostering service, unity, and nurturing our diverse community.

Interfaith & Dialogue

Interfaith Prayer Vigil

In response to the tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria, we organized an Interfaith Prayer Vigil, highlighting the power of communal empathy in times of global crises.

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Interfaith Dinner

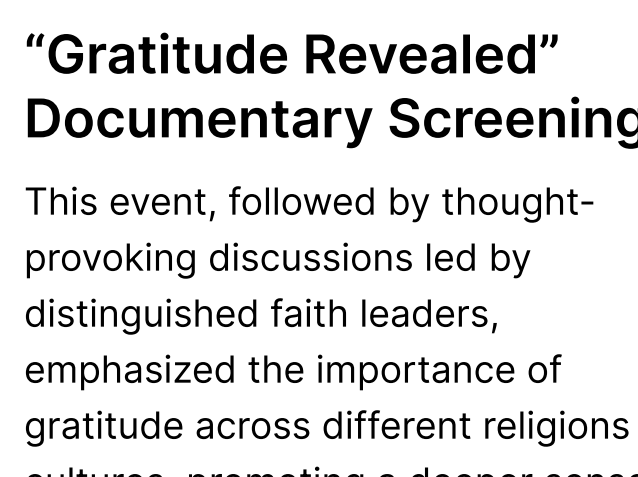
Partnering with Congregation Kol Ami and Women's Interfaith Gathering, we hosted a memorable dinner in celebration of Ramadan, Passover, and Easter. This event brought together over 100 individuals from various faiths, fostering understanding and connection.

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Noah's Pudding

We had the opportunity to share cultural and religious traditions with our community throughout the year. We shared the peaceful and unifying message of Noah's pudding at St. Peter's Episcopal Church as well as the Salt Lake Center for Spiritual Living.

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Golden Rule Discussion: Muslims & Jews

Dr. Ori Z Soltes shared insights from his latest book, 'Between Thought & Action: An Intellectual Biography of Fethullah Gulen'. With engaging dialogue moderated by Andrew Kosorok, attendees explored themes of unity, nonviolence, and embracing diversity.

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Podcast with Abby Cox

Our students had the empowering opportunity of participating in Utah's First Lady Abby Cox's podcast, sharing their personal insights on Ramadan and discussing the inclusivity of Utah for Muslim traditions.

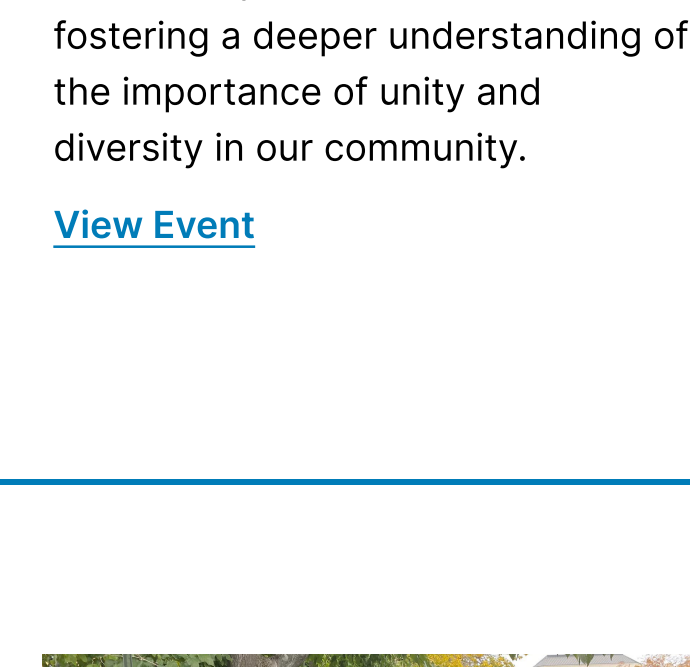
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International Women's Day

Our 5th annual International Women's Day Party was a vibrant celebration of diversity. Women from 15 nationalities shared their culture through dance and food, creating an atmosphere filled with joy and laughter.

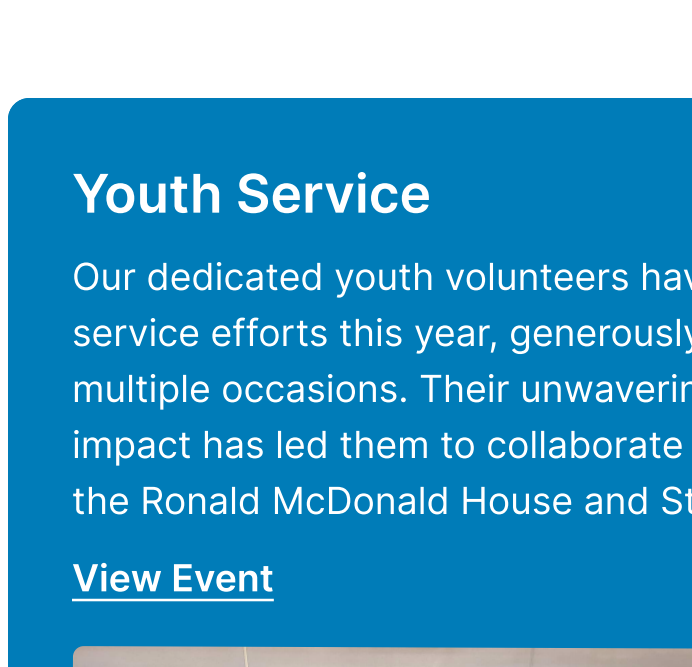
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Visit from Utah Valley University Students

We were delighted to host a group of Utah Valley University students at Emerald Hills Institute. It's heartwarming to witness the curiosity of the younger generation when it comes to interfaith and dialogue. We shared our mission and the impactful work we do, fostering a deeper understanding of the importance of unity and diversity in our community.

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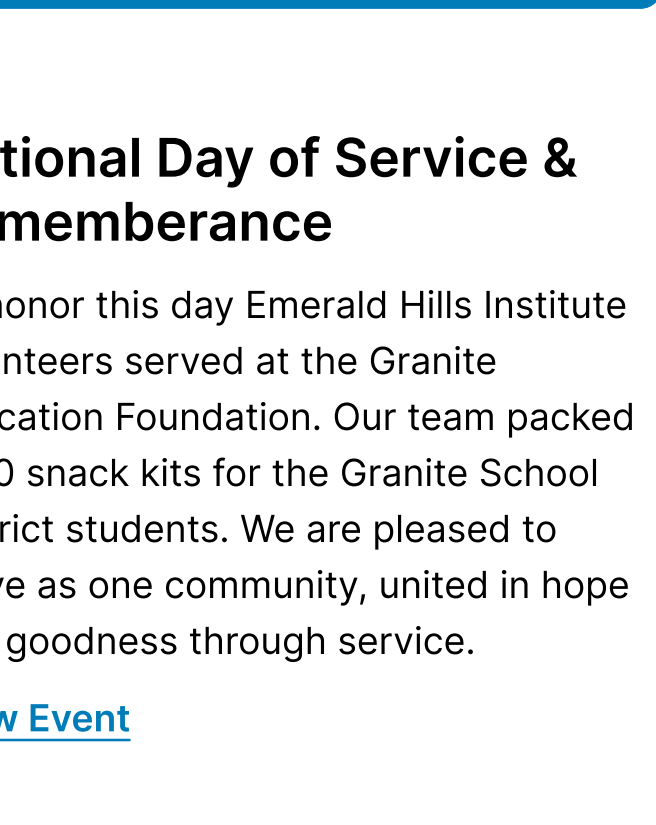


Service

Thanksgiving Outreach

The spirit of giving was alive during our winter clothing drive. On Thanksgiving morning, our team and volunteers gathered to distribute food and clothing to our unhoused friends on Rio Grande Street.

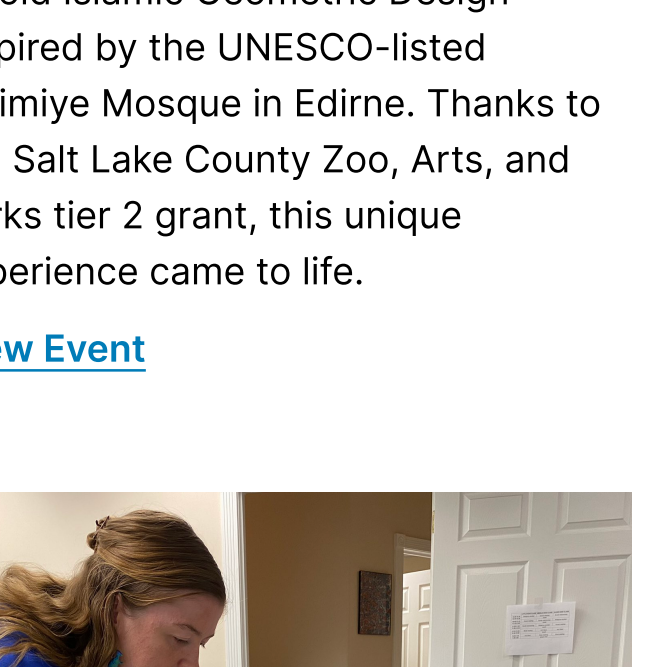
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Youth Service

Our dedicated youth volunteers have been at the heart of our community service efforts this year, generously preparing and serving food on multiple occasions. Their unwavering commitment to making a positive impact has led them to collaborate with various organizations, including the Ronald McDonald House and St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall.

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National Day of Service & Remembrance

To honor this day Emerald Hills Institute volunteers served at the Granite Education Foundation. Our team packed 1650 snack kits for the Granite School District students. We are pleased to serve as one community, united in hope and goodness through service.

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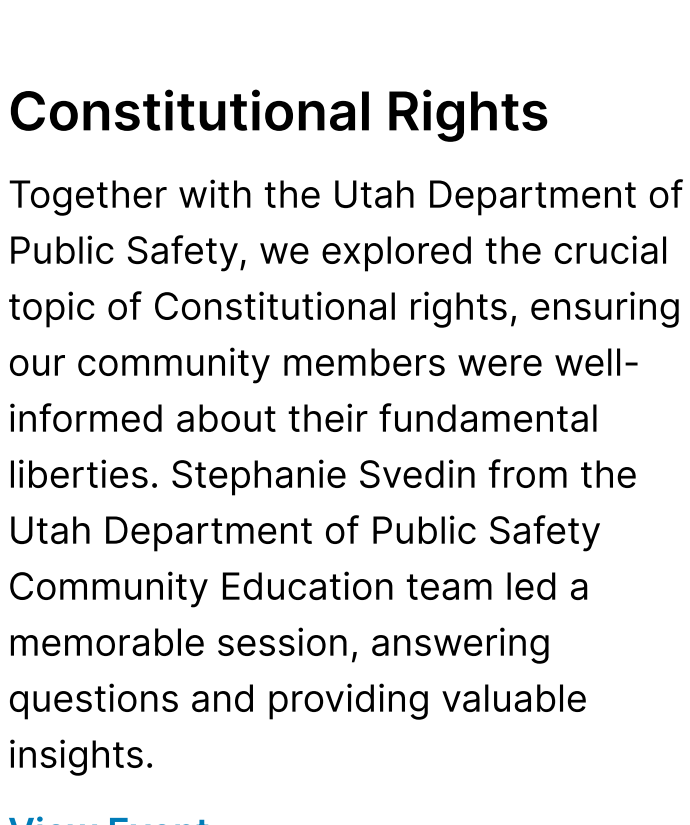


Art Workshops

Art of Islamic Geometry Workshop

Diving into the world of 16th-century Ottoman art through our Art of Islamic Geometry Workshop. Guided by professional artist Shabnam Siddiqui, participants constructed and painted a 4-fold Islamic Geometric Design inspired by the UNESCO-listed Selimiye Mosque in Edirne. Thanks to the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts, and Parks tier 2 grant, this unique experience came to life.

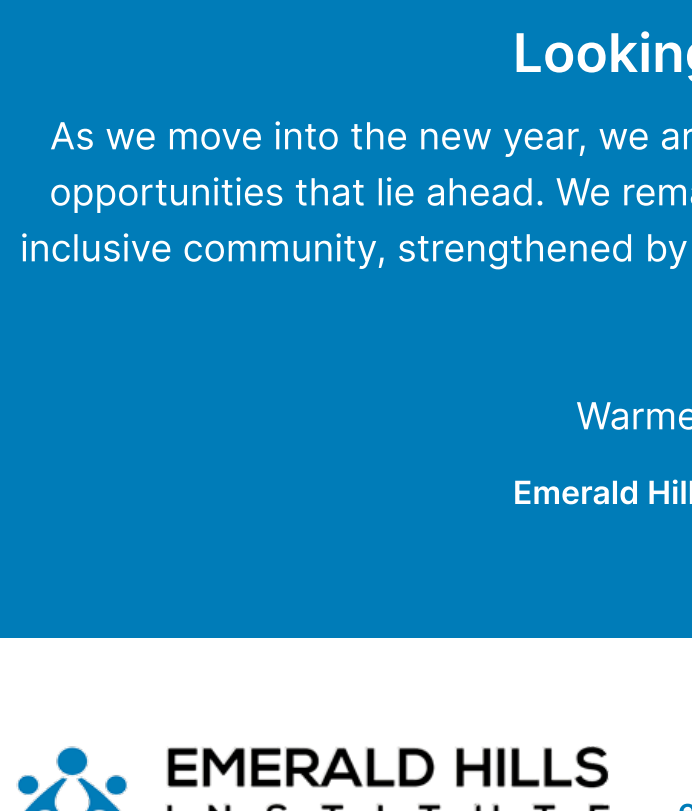
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Basic Embroidery Workshop

Our embroidery workshop was led by the talented Kate Jarmen Gates from Clever Cucumber Creative Co. Participants had the opportunity to explore their creative sides and learn five fundamental stitches, unlocking the artistry of this timeless craft.

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Community Education

Cyber Fraud Threats

As part of FBI Salt Lake City community education programs, we had the privilege to hear from Special Agent Michael Pickett about cyber fraud threats. We thank you so much for very eye opening session. And special thanks to Michera Dobbs for coordinating with us to make this event possible.

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Constitutional Rights

Together with the Utah Department of Public Safety, we explored the crucial topic of Constitutional rights, ensuring our community members were well-informed about their fundamental liberties. Stephanie Svedin from the Utah Department of Public Safety Community Education team led a memorable session, answering questions and providing valuable insights.

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Looking Forward

As we move into the new year, we are filled with hope and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. We remain committed to our goal of fostering an inclusive community, strengthened by the diversity and dedication of people like you.

Warmest Wishes,
Emerald Hills Institute Team