



## To our Valued Donors, Volunteers, & Community Members,

Halfway through the year, we would like to thank you for your continued support. You are the reason we are able to fulfill our mission of fostering an inclusive and diverse community. So far this year we have been able to host multiple interfaith events, educational workshops, service activities, and the 21st Multicultural Ethnic Dance Festival. All of this is thanks to you! Check out some of our projects highlighted below.

## Interfaith & Dialogue

### Salt Lake Family Church Interfaith Prayer Breakfast for Peace

Emerald Hills was pleased to join The Salt Lake Family Church (FFWPU), the Utah Chapter of the Universal Peace Federation, and other members of the interfaith community in an “Interfaith Prayer Breakfast for Peace” during World Interfaith Harmony Week. The program included representatives from different faiths who each poured a glass of water into a bowl symbolizing the joining of faiths, offered a prayer, and then took a moment share insights about their faith. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about different beliefs and strengthen our connections.

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### Emerald Hills Institute Signature Iftar

Emerald Hills Institute was proud to welcome over 200 guests to their Interfaith Ramadan Iftar Dinner. The night featured a panel discussion with members from the LDS, Muslim, Jewish, and Catholic communities. The panelists discussed how their unique faiths practice fasting. Ultimately, the event was a great success and all participants left with the fundamental understanding that among all faith communities fasting is a way to feel closer to God and, connecting with your local community is always better with a delicious meal.

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### SLCC Interfaith Iftar

We had the privilege of breaking bread and connecting with over 150 guests at an interfaith iftar dinner in collaboration with Salt Lake Community College. It featured a presentation on the fasting practices of different religions as well as prayers representing different faiths. Students, faculty, and guests enjoyed their time sharing and reflecting on diverse perspectives.

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### Law Enforcement Iftar

The Emerald Hills Institute hosted an iftar in collaboration with the Utah Department of Public Safety. Members of the Muslim community and law enforcement members joined together to break their fast and share a wonderful meal. The night was filled with many amazing speakers, who emphasized the importance of building trust between communities and law enforcement. The event was also an opportunity for non-Muslims to learn more about Ramadan and fasting. Attendees were encouraged to sit with someone new, so the night was full of mingling and new connections.

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## 21st Multicultural Ethnic Dance Festival

We were honored to host this year's 21st Multicultural Ethnic Dance Festival at The Gateway. It was a lively celebration of global cultures through dance, featuring an array of dynamic performances that highlighted diverse cultural heritages with vibrant costumes and rhythmic music. The festival was enchanting, and attendees were able to experience a wide range of cultural traditions. Performers from various backgrounds captivated the audience, fostering a sense of community and appreciation for cultural diversity.

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## Service

### Monthly Service Projects

Each month we bring a group of people together to serve the community. In February we went to the Food Bank where we packed dinner kits for families in need. In March, the Emerald Hills Institute youth group served dinner at the Point to the unhoused.

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## Art Workshops

### Creative Aging

Instructed by Sandra Shanti, the Creative Aging Workshop gave students the opportunity to create their own abstract art pieces. The class studied Abstract Expressionism, and learned about different artists and the elements of design. They were also able to reflect on their own creative process and make new friendships and connections along the way.

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## Community Education

### Women's History Month Panel

In collaboration with Tech-Moms and A Bolder Way Forward, Emerald Hills Institute hosted a panel highlighting women's success stories. The panel featured five fabulous women who have each faced unique challenges in both their personal and professional lives. The women shared the steps they took to overcome these challenges and offered wonderful advice on how other women can break barriers and build successful careers. The panel was an incredible opportunity for women to connect, and learn to navigate the challenges they face.

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## Looking Forward

As we move forward, we are excited to continue serving. We remain committed to our goal of fostering an inclusive community, strengthened by the diversity and dedication of people like you.

Warmest Wishes,

Event Emerald Hills Institute Team

