

## *UIMF and UVU Rotaract Commemorate Earth Day 2021 Through Community Service*



*A group of participating members pose for a photo*

On April 17, 2021, I was able to participate in a service project hosted by Orem Rotary of Rotary International in commemoration of Earth Day. The event was held through Yana Andersen, UVU Rotaract President, with various members of the UIMF, Rotary, local community members, and friends and family present. Over 30-40 individuals gathered at Timpanogos Park in Provo Canyon, Utah at 10am on a Saturday and worked together for approximately an hour and a half to clean up trash, debris, and plant additional bushes. Orem Rotary club provided everyone with equipment and supplies.



*Myself with my wife and two members of UIMF; Abdul Alghanmi and Cody Conklin*

My wife accompanied me and together we collected trash around the park and surrounding trails, and later debris next to the freeway. It was surprising how much garbage there was, even in a publicly maintained park in arguably one of the most environmentally conscious states. By the end of the activity, we had collected enough to fill a very large bag, which we loaded onto a designated vehicle headed for a proper disposal site.



*The end result of our efforts*

This service project provided an opportunity for us to serve our local community, strengthen the bonds of our members and respective inter-cooperative organizations, implement the UIMF/Rotaract mission(s), and lead again by example through inclusive Student Engagement.

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