

Tree Planting service project of the Orem-Lindon Rotarians and UVU Rotaractors

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, members of the Orem-Lindon Rotary hosted a tree planting service project at Nielson's Grove Park in Orem – 2000 South Sandhill Road.



Orem-Lindon Rotarians and UVU Rotaractors during our Tree Planting service project

This project was a part of Utah Rotary's Environmental Protection Initiative. With a matching grant from **Utah Trees**, non-profit organization, we were able to plant 5 trees specifically chosen for Orem, Utah's climate and ecosystem, providing lasting sustainability for these trees and Nielson's Grove Park, [the oldest park in Utah](#).



Rachel Welker, Lydia Woodruff, Dave Schloesser (UVU Rotaractors) & Dean Robinson, (Orem-Lindon Rotarian)



Sterling Brinkerhoff, Taylor Ball, Lydia Woodruff, Tristin Juárez-Smith, and Rachel Welker (UVU Rotaractors)

As a tradition, Utah Valley University (UVU) Rotaractors joined Rotarians and others from the community – 8 UVU Rotaractors and 14 Rotarians participated in the event. We will plant 5 more trees in the spring in Lindon, Utah. I look forward to participating and encouraging more student involvement through our inclusive, co-curricular student-engaged learning (SEL) model developed at Utah Valley University.



Mike Rich (Orem-Lindon Rotarian), Tristin Juárez-Smith, Taylor Ball, & Sterling Brinkerhoff (UVU Rotaractors)



**Keith Morgan, Lynn Hilstead, Dean Robinson, Laurie Robinson,
& Debbie Lauret (Orem-Lindon Rotarians)**



**Taylor Ball, Dave Schloesser, Sterling Brinkerhoff, Lydia Woodruff, Rachel Welker
(UVU Rotaractors) & Mike Rich (Orem-Lindon Rotarian)**



Orem-Lindon Rotarians and UVU Rotaractors are planting the last tree.

Projects like this service project are the heart of Rotary International, Utah Rotary, and Orem-Lindon Rotary. Rotary International’s Vision Statement is “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.” As president, I am grateful for the opportunity to partner UVU Rotaract club with Orem-Lindon Rotary to encourage our students to be a part of this “action to create lasting change,” especially within our community. Our involvement is a wonderful example of how our inclusive, co-curricular SEL model encourages both non-traditional and traditional students to work as a group to advocate for mountain communities, with UVU faculty and Utah Rotarians serving as mentors.

Tristin Juárez-Smith, UVU Rotaract President