

## **THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS**

“The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The awards program, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).”

“All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and Volunteer Centers, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award this past November. Nearly 4,500 Local Honorees were then reviewed by state-level judges, who selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.”

Jacob Thompson, 18, of Fillmore, was recognized along with three other Utah students as a Distinguished Finalist for his impressive community service activities. He will receive an engraved bronze medallion. Jacob, “a senior at Millard High School and a member of the Millard County 4-H in Fillmore, has dedicated himself in several ways to the mission of collecting and distributing food for hungry people in his community. He took responsibility for scheduling volunteer participation by his 4-H club at a local food bank, played a leading role in organizing food drives and fund-raisers, solicited help from local businesses and organizations, and spent many hours working at the food bank.”

“In addition to granting its own awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program will be distributing President’s Volunteer Service Awards to nearly 2,800 of its Local Honorees this year on behalf of the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The President’s Volunteer Service Award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.”

Jacob Thompson, based on the number of volunteer hours that he put in, has also qualified for the President’s Volunteer Service Award! “Through a partnership with the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation . . .” Jacob will be presented with an award certificate and a letter from President Bush for being a Prudential Spirit of Community honoree who met its requirements.

USU Millard County Extension would like to express appreciation to Jacob Thompson for all of his hard work and dedication in serving others in his county. We congratulate him on being one of the four Distinguished Finalists in Utah for The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award!