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**United Supermarkets & Market Street donate 1,000 pairs of socks to the Salvation Army of Abilene through Apples & Pears on a Mission initiative**

ABILENE, Texas — On Tuesday, United Supermarkets and Market Street donated 1,000 pairs of socks to the Salvation Army of Abilene. This is the seventh year The United Family has teamed up with Rainier Fruits to make this donation.

The donation stems from a program called “Apples and Pears on a Mission.” Throughout the fall and winter months of 2025, a portion of the proceeds from purchasing Rainier Fruit pears and apples went toward buying brand-new socks to donate to organizations supporting the homeless community.

“For some, a new pair of socks can make a world of difference,” said Joseph Bunting, produce business director for The United Family. “That’s why we are so grateful to partner with Rainier Fruits to do this program for the seventh year. We are also thankful to our guests for participating and helping us positively impact our community.”

The donation of socks in Abilene is just one of six donations across the state. Throughout February, The United Family and Rainier Fruit will donate 5,000 pairs of socks to charitable organizations in Texas. Throughout the seven years of this program, the two companies have donated more than 35,000 pairs of socks.

The following organizations will receive socks through this year’s program:

- Salvation Army of Amarillo
- Salvation Army of Midland
- Salvation Army of Odessa
- Salvation Army of Lubbock
- Salvation Army of Abilene
- Faith Mission of Wichita Falls

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