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Kids Raise Money and Get a Surprise Visit from the South Jordan Fire Department

SOUTH JORDAN, UT – Every summer, kids across the country set up lemonade stands to raise spending money for items such as toys or treats.

This summer the goal for three South Jordan children was slightly different. Makayla, Caden and Brynnli approached their parents about raising money from a lemonade stand to donate to the South Jordan Fire Department.

“We were so thrilled that these kids wanted to give to support our mission in South Jordan,” said Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Lessner.

After they raised more than \$45 dollars in lemonade sales, their mother contacted the fire department asking how to donate the money.

Because of their desire to support our firefighters, the South Jordan Fire Department wanted recognize and personally thank the family for their support.

“We had to do something to thank them for thinking of us, and to encourage this sense of civic duty in these children,” Lessner said.

Fire crews decided to show up to thank those kids with a big surprise – a fire engine roaring up in front of their house and the offer of a tour for them and their friends.

Plus, they got to pass along to the kids how their donation would be spent. The fire department decided that it would match the donation to purchase stuffed animals for our fire engines, which will be used as a pick-me-up for children who may be sick or injured.

“Many of the emergency calls that our Firefighters and Paramedics respond to involve children,” Lessner said. “Providing sick or injured kids with a stuffed animal can be a small comforting measure during a difficult time.”

The City offers its thanks Makayla, Caden, and Brynnli, who took the time to think of others and give back.

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