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SURPLUS PRINTERS GO TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) recently arranged the donation of 104 printers from GE Healthcare to the State Office of Education. Margaret Bird, education specialist, and Bernie Spriggs, senior facilities manager of GE Healthcare, were brought together by SITLA's Resource Specialist, Kurt Higgins, and his GE employee neighbor wanting to know a way to donate the printers to the schools.

The printers were given out on a first come, first serve basis. Several school districts immediately responded to Bird, claiming all 104. Unfortunately over 500 more requests from the schools had to go unfilled.

Monday morning SITLA employees, GE employees, and Bird herself loaded the 104 printers into various vans, trucks and cars from GE's office near the Salt Lake City airport and moved them to the Utah School Boards Association building in Sandy, Utah. The superintendents of the state's school districts happened to be together for a meeting.

Between all involved, most of the printers were placed, stacked, and wedged into the superintendents' various cars and trucks. Some were the small ink-jet desk printers, but most were the workhorse and efficient large laser-type. The remaining printers will either be picked up by the schools at GE or GE will deliver them.

Bird said, "The schools are so grateful to receive a gift like this. Most of our public schools have a difficult time coming up with these types of resources". Bernie Spriggs was pleased they will be put to good use.

SITLA is an independent state agency that manages 3.4 million acres of Utah trust lands for the benefit of Utah's schools and other public institutions. Money generated from the school trust lands is deposited in the state Permanent School Fund, a perpetual endowment that annually distributes income to each K-12 public school in Utah.

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