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EAGLE SCOUT COMPLETES PROJECT IN HONOR OF BROTHER WITH DOWN SYNDROME

Orem February 2005 – Thirteen year-old Riley Smith recently donated over 80 hours of service for his Eagle Scout project in honor of his three year old brother Talon, who has Down syndrome. Talon, who is the fourth child of Scott and Lisa Smith of Cedar Hills, received services for almost three years from the Orem-based Kids On The Move, which has an Early Intervention program that support families of young children with special needs. Riley organized the volunteer work of other scouts in his troop to build multiple sets of wooden stacking and sorting toys that can be used by other parents in the program to promote their children's development.

Riley delivered the toys to Kids On The Move, and showed off the toys by using them to play with his brother Talon. "Kids On The Move has been a great aid in helping Talon." Riley explained. "To show my appreciation, I have made these toys so Kids On The Move can help other children with Down syndrome."

Riley joins almost a dozen other Eagle Scouts who have donated projects to Kids On The Move in the last year. In addition to Eagle projects, volunteers donate several hundred hours of service annually in support of the non-profit organization. "Volunteers are always needed," explains Kathy Leedom, the volunteer coordinator at Kids On The Move. "Grants only cover part of the services that we provide to families. Donations and volunteers help us make up the difference by beautifying our center, keeping it clean and well maintained, and providing other needed services and materials to the families that we serve."

For questions regarding Kids On The Move services, or how to volunteer or donate, contact 221-9930.

About Kids On The Move

Kids On The Move is a non-profit organization that has provided services and support to families with young children in Utah County for over 18 years through its Early Intervention and Early Head Start programs, as well as through the Early Education Center and Resource Library. Each year, over 1000 children are served from our local community including families of children with disabilities and developmental delays, and also children from low-income families.

