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PRESS RELEASE

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Kids On The Move opens Satellite Center in Lehi

Nonprofit organization that supports the development of young children and families in Utah County now has new Lehi center in addition to original facility in Orem

Orem, UT: Kids On The Move, a nonprofit organization that has served young children and families in Utah County for the past 22 years from its headquarters in Orem, has opened a new Satellite Center in western Lehi. This new Center is located on the campus of Snow Springs Elementary School at 850 South 1700 West in Lehi. The immediate impact of this new facility will be a closer location for the 400 families which Kids On The Move serves who live in the areas of west Lehi, Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain.

Kids On The Move provides Early Intervention services for communities located within the Alpine School District boundaries. These services help infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities ages birth to three and their families. In addition, the Early Head Start program at Kids On The Move serves all of Utah County and helps children ages birth to three and pregnant mothers from families who currently find themselves in a low-income situation.

Most of the Early Intervention and Early Head Start services at Kids On The Move are provided in the homes of the 1,400 families served annually, as a conscious effort to recognize and support parents as the first and best teachers of their children. In fact, Kids On The Move provided 21,000 Home Visits last year. However, many of the activities which are designed to develop and enrich parenting skills and family relationships must be provided at the Center in Orem such as parent-child playgroup sessions as well as Parent Education activities.

For many years the majority of families served were in the Central Utah County area but in the last five years there has been substantial growth in the northern part of Utah County. Today over one-quarter of the families Kids On The Move serves (400 families) come from the areas of west Lehi,

Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain. “We are pleased that these families, who have been making a significant commitment of time and resources to make a 70-minute round trip at least weekly to our Orem Center, will now have the option of a location much closer to their homes,” said Stuart Collyer, Executive Director of Kids On The Move.

The new Lehi Satellite Center of Kids On The Move is a partnership of a nonprofit, a school district and private businesses coming together to support families in the community. Alpine School District provided the land and assisted in obtaining the portable classroom building which is now on site at Snow Springs Elementary. A generous donation from the NuSkin Force for Good Foundation got the process up and running. Kids On The Move recently received a \$100,000 grant for the Lehi Satellite Center as the winner of the inaugural Utah Benefits award, funded by The Humana Foundation, Humana Inc. and Humana of Utah, one of the state’s largest providers of health insurance and related benefits.

“During the past 22 years of service in Utah County, members of the staff of Kids On The Move have been tireless champions in providing hope and strength to families of children with special needs and to low-income families with young children,” said Earl F. Hurst, president of Humana of Utah. “We at Humana are proud that the \$100,000 awarded to Kids On The Move through our Utah Benefits charitable program will help provide additional therapy services, family support and parent education to families in the west Lehi area.”

A Ribbon Cutting and Open House will be held on Friday, November 14, 2008 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. with the ceremony starting at 2:45 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to join the Open House at the new Satellite Center located at 850 South 1700 West in Lehi. For any questions, contact Kids On The Move at 801-221-9930 or www.kidsonthemove.org.

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EVENT INFORMATION

- What:** ***Ribbon Cutting & Open House
for the new Kids On The Move Lehi Satellite Center***
- When:** Friday, November 14, 2008 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
(Ribbon Cutting ceremony with local officials from 2:45 -3:00 p.m.)
- Where:** On the South side of Snow Springs Elementary School
850 South 1700 West, Lehi

Who: Representatives from Kids On The Move (Board, Staff, families served) as well as representatives from Alpine School District and Humana of Utah will be available for interviews and comments as needed.

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Kids On The Move is a nonprofit organization that supports the development of young children and families in Utah County. Services include Early Intervention services, Early Head Start program, Early Education Center and the Noorda Family Resource Library. For more information, visit www.kidsonthemove.org.