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Scott Bean Named New CEO of Utah's Kids on the Move, Inc.

CEO is Parent of Autistic Child, and Former KOTM Board Member

OREM, UT — **October 25, 2013** — **Kids On The Move (KOTM)**, today announced the appointment of Scott Bean as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Bean steps into the position formerly held by Executive Director — and 20-year KOTM veteran, Eileen Chamberland. The Orem-based, non-profit focuses on early intervention and support programs for children with learning, physical and developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). KOTM pro-grams provide families with the resources and support needed to navigate behavioral, physical, educational, and social challenges.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in every 47 Utah children is identified as having ASD — the highest rate in the nation.

Scott knows first-hand how it can affect a struggling family. "I cannot adequately express my gratitude for what the Kids On The Move did for my daughter and my family," said Bean. "She lives a far more normal life than we ever dreamed it could or would be...and I want that for other families. They need to know that having a child with autism (or other learning or developmental disability) is NOT a death sentence to their dreams..."

"Scott knows personally what it means to have a child whose future is in question," said Jason Smith, Chair, KOTM Board of Directors. "He also has the experience, knowledge and passion to get those children — and their families — the help that they need. Having worked with the Autism Society of Utah, he has extensive experience and connections in that arena, as well as personal business acumen and know-how. He can take KOTM to the next level helping more children and families achieve their dreams."

Bean joined KOTM in 1994, when he and wife Lisa – also a former KOTM board member — discovered that their young daughter had behavior consistent with ASD. Bean's business experience began in the IT industry, with WordPerfect in 1990, later becoming the CEO and Founder of The Bison Group. He has served as the Senior Vice-President of ExeVision, and most recently as the Director of Strategic Relations for FamilySearch.org. Bean is fluent in conversational Spanish and both he and Lisa have served on the Board of Directors for the Autism Society of Utah.

For more information about Kids On The Move, please visit www.kidsonthemove.org, or call 801-221-9930.

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Kids On The Move, Inc.

Kids On The Move, Inc. (KOTM) is a nonprofit organization located in Orem, UT. KOTM supports the development of young children and families by "empowering families, one kid at a time." KOTM is the local, proven expert in child development and family resources with three main programs: Early Intervention, Early Head Start and Bridges Autism Services.

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