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Grants will Help "Little Kids with Big Problems"

**GEORGE S. AND DOLORES DORÉ ECCLES FOUNDATION
AND KRESGE FOUNDATION TEAM TO MAKE \$2 MILLION
IN GRANTS THE CHILDREN'S CENTER**

SALT LAKE CITY – January, 2008 – The Children's Center, providing comprehensive mental health care to infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families, has received two separate \$1 million grants – one from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation and the other from The Kresge Foundation.

The grants were awarded to assist The Children's Center in raising \$13 million to complete the capital facility renovation of its future home at the Oquirrh School, 350 South 400 East in downtown Salt Lake City. Both \$1 million donations were issued on a "last dollar" or "challenge" basis, requiring The Children's Center to raise the final \$3.5 million needed for renovation by Nov. 30, 2008 in order to receive the grants. "We are thrilled at our success in the campaign, and continue to reach out to all of those in our very generous community for their support in finishing this project," said Jesselie Anderson, Campaign Co-Chair with her husband, Scott Anderson.

"The Children's Center relies on the steadfast friendship of its community partners," said Dr. Douglas Goldsmith, executive director of The Children's Center. "We are grateful to both the Eccles and Kresge Foundations for so generously helping the families of little kids with big problems."

Increasing demand for The Children Center's services prompted its board and staff to launch the capital and endowment campaign to fund the purchase and renovation of the Oquirrh School in 2006. The new location will more than double the capacity for clinical services and therapeutic preschool classrooms.

Lisa Eccles, president of the Eccles Foundation, praised The Children's Center for "strengthening our community and state, and bettering the lives of our citizens by meeting 'head-on' the challenging mental health issues faced by so many children and families in Utah."

"We hope our grant will help make The Children's Center's new home – and its ability to create brighter futures for even more children – a reality," Eccles said.

Rip Rapson, president and CEO of The Kresge Foundation, said his board's trustees chose The Children's Center because they were impressed with the wide range of services provided, particularly the Therapeutic Preschool and its ability to benefit children and families from Utah and throughout the region.

"We applaud your efforts to build paths of opportunity within your community," Rapson said. "Ensuring the health and vitality of non-profit organizations such as yours is central to building strong, vibrant communities. We are proud to help advance your very important work."

The Children's Center is a 45-year-old private non-profit dedicated to providing mental health care to young children and their families. Renovation of the Oquirrh School is scheduled to begin in March of this

year, and the Center plans to move from its current location across from University Hospital in early 2009. The Center's second location will continue to be in Kearns.

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