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**The Willis Foundation Announces Contribution to The Children's Center in Salt Lake City**  
Giving a gift of hope to children in the Therapeutic Preschool Program

**Salt Lake City, UT** – Tuesday, October 11, 2011- The Willis Foundation, a non-profit corporation, affiliated with Willis Group Holdings, the global insurance broker with operations in Utah, today announced a \$2,000 grant to The Children's Center.

The Children's Center provides comprehensive mental health care to enhance the emotional well being of infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families. Annually, over 325 children receive services through the Therapeutic Preschool Program. Many of these children have been expelled from multiple child care programs. Early intervention is essential in order to effectively remediate emotional and behavioral problems in these very young children. The Children's Center gives families hope for happier, healthier futures for their children.

In receiving this first gift from the Willis Foundation, Dr. Douglas Goldsmith, Ph.D., executive director shared, "The services we provide to children and their families in our community is accomplished because of generosity like this. The Children's Center is honored by the Willis Foundation's partnership to build brighter futures for little children." The check was presented to The Children's Center on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

"I'm sure we all know a family with a child who suffers from a psychiatric disorder like hyperactivity, depression, separation anxiety or autism spectrum disorder, to name a few. The Center's focus is to improve the children's ability to communicate their feelings, which aids in the identification of their emotional needs. This then creates an opportunity for the staff to outline appropriate treatment/counseling so the child can learn to regulate their emotions with the ultimate goal of having them effectively interact in a normal school environment," said Bruce Dennis, V.P. at Willis. "All of us at Willis are very proud to help such a worthy organization such as The Children's Center. The Willis Foundation was created to help others, and especially children, in our communities," says Bill Creedon, Willis' West Region National Partner.

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### **About the Willis Foundation**

Based in Nashville, TN., The Willis Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that encourages Willis Associates and Willis North America's key business partners to participate in charitable activities. Throughout the year, The Willis Foundation intends to organize and sponsor fundraising events such as races, dinners, and creative competitions and will, in turn, make charitable contributions to charities recommended by Willis Associates. For more information on The Willis Foundation, please visit [www.thewillisfoundation.org](http://www.thewillisfoundation.org).

### **About The Children's Center**

Over the course of 49 years, The Children's Center has become a prominent mental health facility for very young children—the only agency of its kind in Utah and the largest in the United States. Their services are in high demand as they receive 30-40 new referrals every week from families throughout Salt Lake County and surrounding communities. The vast majority of the families they treat are low-income. They have provided service to over 1,900 children and families in the last year. Please visit <http://www.tccslc.org>, for more information.

