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Children's Health Fair in Salt Lake City, Sat., October 9

WHAT: Children's Health Fair and launch of Salt Lake City Children's Environmental Health/Environmental Justice initiative. Family friendly activities include a guided walk and seed planting along the Jordan River; an exploration of Tree Utah's community garden and garden "story time;" a planting of winter harvest vegetables; a trail clean up and invasive species removal; a *What Makes a Healthy Community* performance by the Repertory Dance Theatre; and various games and related activities. Youth art and a computer-based introduction to environmental conditions in the community will also be featured. Families will also find great opportunities to learn from environmental health professionals about asthma, lead, asbestos, second-hand smoke, radon and other issues. Asthma tests and blood-lead testing will be available for children.

At noon, elected and public officials will kick-off the multi-agency Salt Lake City Children's Environmental Health partnership to identify, reduce and prevent harmful exposures and health risks to children in disadvantaged neighborhoods in central and west Salt Lake City. The kick-off event will feature the signing of an agreement between partner agencies. A gubernatorial proclamation declaring October as Children's Health Month will also be read.

WHO:

- EPA Regional Administrator, James B. Martin
- Utah Department of Environmental Quality Director, Amanda Smith
- Salt Lake City Councilman, Carlton Christensen
- Salt Lake Valley Health Department Director, Gary Edwards

WHERE: Day-Riverside Library
1575 W 1000 N
Salt Lake City, UT

WHEN: Saturday, October 9, 2010
Children's Health Initiative kick-off event at noon
Children's Health Fair from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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