



## *News Release*

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### **Mayor Anderson Honors Rep. Matheson for Supporting SLC Youth and Families**

SALT LAKE CITY, July XX, 2005—Mayor Rocky Anderson honored Rep. Jim Matheson for his commitment to Salt Lake City's young people and families yesterday at a press conference in Liberty Park.

Salt Lake City School District Superintendent McKell Withers, Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Carroon, Utah Arts Council Director Margaret Hunt and Salt Lake City Public Services Director Rick Graham attended the event. Approximately 50 young people from the city's YouthCity Summer Program also attended and presented artwork to the Mayor, Rep. Matheson and Janet Wolf, director of youth and family programs for Salt Lake City.

"Rep. Matheson has been crucial in bringing high-quality out-of-school opportunities to the young people of this city," said Mayor Anderson. "The over \$3 million in federal monies he helped secure have allowed us to build the foundation of what we see here today. The YouthCity programs provide positive opportunities for over 10,000 young people and their families each year. Without Rep. Matheson's commitment, this wouldn't be possible."

"YouthCity made my job easy," said Rep. Matheson. "Every year, there are hundreds of requests for federal money by programs like YouthCity. The quality and commitment of the staff and activities, and the vision of Mayor Anderson have been a winning combination."

#### **About YouthCity**

YouthCity, Salt Lake City's youth program, provides fun, enriching activities for young people during out of school time. YouthCity summer activities include: after-school, summer, arts education, sport and recreation, technology, government and employment. More than 75 percent of the young people participating in these programs come from families whose income is at, or below the federal poverty level, and more than 70 percent are from ethnic or minority groups.