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Microsoft Awards More Than \$94,000 to Sorenson Computer Center
Salt Lake City Community Center to announce grant
during August 10 open house of its Computer Clubhouse

Salt Lake City – August 9, 2005 – In an effort to promote technology education and inclusion and help reduce digital inequalities in Salt Lake City’s Glendale neighborhood, Microsoft today announced a grant to the Sorenson Computer Center, totaling more than \$94,000 in cash, software and educational curriculum. This community investment is part of Microsoft’s Unlimited Potential (UP) program, the company’s global program focused on promoting digital inclusion and increased access to technology skills training for a quarter of a billion people around the world in communities underserved by technology by 2010.

A recognition of the gift will be presented at 2 p.m. on August 10 at the Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center, 855 West California Ave. (1335 South) Salt Lake City Councilman Van Turner will join Microsoft Enterprise Technology Specialist Daren Stegelmeier to express support of meaningful partnerships, like that of Microsoft and the Sorenson Computer Center, which positively impact Utah communities. Following the presentation, the public is invited to tour the Computer Center and Clubhouse to view projects from community members, to meet staff, volunteers and partnering agencies.

“Microsoft’s Unlimited Potential Grant provides much needed resources to our Computer Center. The program will help equalize the playing field for many in our community,” said Rosanita Cespedes, director of the Sorenson Multi Cultural Center. “Microsoft’s generous contribution of cash and software allows the underserved population of the Glendale neighborhood to acquire the necessary skills to succeed in today’s society. “

Since July 2000, the Sorenson Computer Center has been a unique resource for residents of the Glendale and Poplar Grove neighborhoods, providing computer literacy classes for adults and innovative after-school computer activities for young people. Free, open access to the center allows participants the opportunity to work with computers in a supportive and informal environment. The Sorenson Computer Clubhouse is a year-round, internationally recognized after-school and summer program where neighborhood youth learn side-by-side with staff and adult mentors, as they use technology creatively to acquire the tools, problem-solving skills and confidence to lead successful lives.

Microsoft’s grant will allow the Sorenson Computer Center to continue to provide unique services to an estimated 600 neighborhood youth annually enrolled in the Sorenson youth programs. Over 500 adults will benefit from continued programming to meet the demands for community computer services. Participants create resumes, work on school assignments, email family and regularly research job opportunities – all free of charge. The grant is expected to increase technology fluency among local residents by providing educational opportunities to entire families. Through the Unlimited Potential Grant,

parents of Sorenson's youth participants will have more opportunities to learn with their children, take part in relevant computer classes and utilize professionally-staffed open computer access hours.

"The Sorenson Computer Center works tirelessly to help Salt Lake City's underserved citizens more fully realize their potential," said Microsoft Desert Mountain District General Manager Jack Bramen. "Microsoft has long believed that inside each and every person there is great potential – for many, however, economic and cultural issues impede their abilities to harness this power and achieve their goals. That is why we created our Unlimited Potential program, which has helped provide nearly \$9 million in cash and software to community organizations throughout Utah since 2000. Giving the resources is the easy part, but working hands-on to help people transform their lives like the Sorenson Computer Center does everyday is where the real magic occurs. We feel privileged to be a part of these efforts."

Microsoft takes great pride in its community involvement in Utah. Since 2000, Microsoft has provided more than \$8.6 million in cash, software and technology curriculum to organizations throughout the state. Microsoft donates cash, software and curriculum to community technology centers in 95 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and North America – and along with the continued development of innovative technologies and partnerships, Microsoft is expected to help broaden digital inclusion and bring the benefits of technology and technology skills training to one quarter of a billion underserved people by 2010. A complete list of recipients can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/citizenship/overview/uprecipients.asp>.

About the Sorenson Computer Center

The Sorenson Computer Center is a community technology and learning center in Salt Lake City, Utah operated by the Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center. The [Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center](#) is a multi-use community and recreation center operated by the Division of Youth and Family Programs under the Department of Public Services of Salt Lake City Corporation.

About Microsoft Community Affairs

Microsoft and its employees have long recognized the importance of being engaged in supporting communities around the world. Last year the company donated \$48 million in cash and \$362 million in software to 8,000 nonprofit organizations. While a majority of the company's community investments are made in support of Unlimited Potential, a global program that supports community technology centers in IT skills training, the company also makes software available to improve the use of technology by nonprofit organizations. Microsoft products are available to qualified organizations at <http://www.techsoup.org>.

More information on Microsoft's community investments can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/unlimitedpotential/>.

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