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Salt Lake City Council District Six Olympic Legacy Project Dedication

[Salt Lake City, Utah] - An original sculpture dedicated to more than 800+ children who performed as "Children of Light" and to the thousands of Olympic and Paralympic volunteers will be unveiled Saturday, October 16, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., at the Foothill-Anderson Library, 1135 South 2100 East. The sculpture, which represents three "Children of Light" from 2002 Olympics and Paralympics will be permanently located on the north side of the Anderson Foothill Branch Library, near the intersection of 2100 East and Foothill Boulevard. Noted Utah Sculptor Kraig Varner was commissioned to do the work after a competition managed with assistance from the Salt Lake City Arts Council.

The project, one of seven neighborhood Olympic Legacy Projects funded by the City Council from Olympic proceeds, is meant as a "tribute to those who participated as Children of Light and all other volunteers of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympics," commented City Council Member Dave Buhler. "The Children of Light represent the youth of this city--the youth of the world--and the kind of idealism that is the best of the Olympics," Buhler stated. Over 800+ children participated as Children of Light, and all are being invited to the ceremony and are being asked to bring their Olympic lanterns as part of the dedication ceremony.

From proceeds to Salt Lake City from the 2002 Olympics, the City Council allocated \$3.4 million for the new green space at Library Square east of the new Main Library; \$800,000 to the City's Housing Trust Fund, and over \$1 million for infrastructure improvements throughout the City in addition to the seven neighborhood legacy projects funded at \$100,000 each. The Legacy Project for District Two was dedicated in July, and District One's project will be dedicated on October 11, 2004, with other district projects yet to be scheduled.

The slightly larger than life-size sculpture is cast in stainless steel. Small versions of the sculpture, cast in bronze, have been made for each of the five public elementary schools located in Council District Six.

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