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**SALT LAKE CITY TO BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND IN ONE DAY WITH
HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS FROM THE HOME DEPOT and KaBOOM!**

Playground Will Strengthen the Community and Benefit Children

WHAT: More than 150 volunteers from The Home Depot, Salt Lake City Corporation and organizers from the nonprofit organization, KaBOOM! will join together to build a state-of-the-art, 2,500 square foot playground in one day. The playground will provide a safe, fun environment for the children at the 17th Street Park.

The playground is funded through a \$57,400 grant from The Home Depot Foundation along with a \$10,000 contribution from Salt Lake City Corporation. As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, The Home Depot provides financial support, materials and numerous volunteers for play space projects across North America as part of its ongoing commitment to give back to the communities its stores serve.

The Salt Lake City Corporation (City of Salt Lake Parks Dept) is committed to providing clean and beautiful green spaces in the community.

WHERE: 17 Street Park, 1200 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

WHEN: **Thursday, November 6, 2008**

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

Volunteers Arrive; Project Kick-Off

Best viewing of playground construction

Final construction phase and adjustments

"Board-Cutting" closing ceremony with city officials,

Western Division Home Depot President Joe

McFarland

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INFO: As the world's largest home improvement retailer, The Home Depot embraces its role as a leader in the community and celebrates its long-standing commitment to volunteerism. The Home Depot's associate volunteer program, Team Depot, was formalized in 1992 as a way to support the communities where the associates live and work. Through The Home Depot Foundation, Team Depot and ongoing partnerships with nonprofit groups, The Home Depot donates millions of hours, tools and supplies each year to community service projects.

The Salt Lake City Corporation (City of Salt Lake) was organized in 1847. The City's mission is to provide responsive, effective and professional day-to-day public services that enhance the quality of life in Salt Lake City. The Parks Division of the City of Salt Lake is committed to providing clean and beautiful green spaces for the entire community of Salt Lake City. The City recognizes the need for new, safe playspaces, especially at this particular location as it completes the refurbishing of a local parking lot. A new improvement project for the whole community to take part in and enjoy would continue the sense of neighborhood improvement.

KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Celebrating twelve years of service in 2008,

KaBOOM! rallies communities to achieve better public policy, funding and public awareness for increased play opportunities nationwide; provide resources, including trainings, challenge grants, and publications for communities that wish to plan a new playspace on their own; and bring together children, business and community interests for a select number of community playspace builds each year. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., KaBOOM! also has offices in Chicago and San Mateo. For more information, visit www.kaboom.org.

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