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INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES DENTAL CLINIC PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED WAY OF SALT LAKE

Salt Lake City — Intermountain Healthcare announced a \$200,000 grant to United Way of Salt Lake's work to change the odds for kids and families in our community by increasing access to dental care in its Promise Partnership neighborhoods.

“We are committed to improving access to oral healthcare in underserved communities, especially at community schools,” said Mikelle Moore, Vice President of Community Benefit, Intermountain Healthcare. “We are thrilled to be part of this incredible effort,” continued Moore.

The \$200,000 grant specifically will help enable on-site school dental clinics by providing a case manager to assist patients with dental providers for ongoing treatment including oral health education for children and parents, dental insurance enrollment assistance, and affordable pricing for dental services to families in need.

“This is a tremendous gift from Intermountain Healthcare that will have a major impact on the neighborhoods and schools where we work,” said Deborah Bayle, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Salt Lake.

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities.

United Way of Salt Lake's work is neighborhood-based and supports Promise Partnerships in six neighborhoods where students face many barriers to learning—high levels of poverty, lack of language skills, poor health access, and lack of education. These neighborhoods are home to 19 community schools that serve as hubs for entire families to easily access programs and services.

Volunteer work has become a vital part of United Way's mission to foster a spirit of support, civic responsibility, participation and interaction within communities. This year projects range from collecting winter clothing items to adopting a family for Christmas to mentoring. One of the main events takes place at Granger Elementary Community School addressing access to quality health.

WHAT: Families will be attending the first clinic at Guadalupe to receive screenings during the dental clinic and learn more about preventive oral healthcare.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Guadalupe Elementary Community School, 1385 North 1200 West, Salt Lake City

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Members of the media are invited to attend the first clinic to get a hands-on experience.

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About United Way of Salt Lake

United Way of Salt Lake (UWSL) has made a promise to Change the Odds so that all children and families, regardless of their circumstances, have the same chance to succeed in school and in life. To fulfill its promise, UWSL utilizes staff expertise, board leadership, and community relationships to develop comprehensive and integrated approaches to create measurable impact on core community issues. Using an approach called Collective Impact, UWSL brings partners together to develop shared community goals, align programs, track and share data, and create continuous communication and improvement. Visit www.uw.org for more information.