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UNITED WAY OF SALT LAKE

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## **United Way of Salt Lake Recipient of \$300,000 Grant to Improve Early Grade Outcomes**

**Salt Lake City** – United Way of Salt Lake (UWSL) today announced that it was selected as the recipient of a \$300,000 grant from Goldman Sachs designed to expand and improve early-grade reading success and educational outcomes in at-risk communities. The grant supports UWSL’s new Leadership for Community Change Initiative – which works to build the capability of organizations to work successfully in collective impact partnerships.

The new partnership between UWSL and Goldman Sachs, together with more than 150 school, government and community partners, will potentially benefit tens of thousands of Utah children over the next several years. As those children do better in school, our entire state will see the benefits.

“United Way of Salt Lake is proud to continue our partnership with Goldman Sachs,” said Bill Crim, President and CEO of UWSL. “Investment in early education reduces social and economic inequality and produces long-term benefits to children and our community. This grant will allow us bring even more partners together to align efforts to help children succeed throughout life.”

Working with non-profit, government, school, and business partners who are actively aligning resources toward improving early grade literacy outcomes, UWSL will use funds to launch a series of learning interventions that strengthen the skills these organizations need to achieve that outcome. One hundred and fifty agency leaders, department directors, and direct service

providers who serve students in the Promise Partnership Region (Canyons, Davis, Granite, and Park City school districts) will participate in learning interventions. In addition, a portion of Goldman Sachs' grant will directly support local 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are involved in the Leadership for Community Change initiative.

“We are excited to once again team up with United Way of Salt Lake to help ensure at-risk children succeed in school and in their careers,” said David Lang, head of Goldman Sachs' Salt Lake City office. “We value the opportunity to support a unique initiative that has the potential to strengthen the entire community for generations to come.”

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### **About United Way of Salt Lake**

United Way of Salt Lake is pursuing lasting social change on the most difficult issues we face as a community: poverty, poor health, lagging educational achievement. Together with 150 partners and thousands of volunteers, UWSL works in 27 schools and neighborhood centers across seven communities to impact over 80,000 low-income students. To achieve its goals, UWSL unites powerful partnerships around a shared vision, identifies effective paths to success, and delivers programs across neighborhoods and in community schools.

### **About the Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group**

Established in 2001, the Urban Investment Group deploys the firm's capital by making investments and loans that benefit urban communities. Through its comprehensive community development platform, UIG is a catalyst in the revitalization of underserved neighborhoods. UIG has committed \$5.0 billion, facilitating the creation and preservation of over 20,000 housing units - the majority of which are affordable to low, moderate and middle-income families - as well as over 1,900,000 square feet of community facility space and over 6,500,000 square feet of commercial, retail, and industrial space.