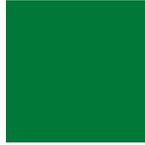
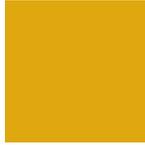


# PROMISE

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# SOUTH SALT LAKE



*Our Vision: Every Child in South Salt Lake Graduates from College*

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Promise SSL Education Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 15  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Columbus Center, Room 106

**Community Conversations Workshop**  
Speaker Christie Oostema,  
Wasatch Choices 2040  
Wednesday, February 15  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Columbus Center

**SSL Chamber of Commerce Police Awards Luncheon**  
Thursday, February 16  
Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
Columbus Center Auditorium

**Destination Graduation and Beyond**  
Teen Education Summit  
Friday, February 17  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Columbus Center, Room 105

**Community Partnership Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 21  
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Columbus Center

**Reality Town**  
Tuesday, February 28  
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Granite Park Junior High  
Parents and public invited

## Bikes given second life, Youth granted new wheels

The Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective has refurbished 50 bicycles and placed them in the hands of 50 youth at the South Salt Lake PAL Pete Suazo Boxing and Welcome Center. Facilitated through United Way of Salt Lake, the Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective’s donation of the new bikes will inspire future field trips and outings this spring, according to Kelli Meranda, Coordinator at PAL Boxing Center.



“The kids stood in a room at the PAL Boxing Center. When the door opened, and they saw the bikes, they were absolutely thrilled,” says Kelli. “The students are utilizing this new form of transportation to and from the Center on a daily basis.” The Bicycle Collective, a community bike shop located at 2312 S. West Temple, works to achieve its mission: “to promote cycling as an effective and sustainable form of transportation and as a cornerstone of a cleaner, healthier, and safer society.” The PAL Boxing Center staff and youth participants thank the Bicycle Collective and United Way for making this possible.

## Roosevelt’s Reed’s “Data Rules”



According to Roosevelt Elementary Principal Jennifer Reed, “Data is the natural starting point.” Principal Reed and Roosevelt Elementary are partnering with the City of South Salt Lake and United Way to start a Community Learning Center at Roosevelt that includes afterschool and before school programming for 84 students. Data drives placement for students in the program as well as gauging the effectiveness of programming. A “self-proclaimed geek with numbers,” Principal Reed mentions online assessments as well reading fluency and English proficiency data are foundational at Roosevelt Elementary.

Located in Millcreek, Roosevelt Elementary houses 511 students with busses delivering students from the far west Jordan River border of South Salt Lake. “Roosevelt is a very diverse school, and it is the best part of who we are,” says Principal Reed. “We have students from all over the world—over 28 languages are spoken here at Roosevelt Elementary.” Principal Reed mentions well-trained faculty and technology help students learn and grow at this school. “I love interacting with the teachers, kids, and community,” says Principal Reed. “It is rewarding to put programs and processes in place to improve student learning.”

Principal Reed has worked for two years in her current position at Roosevelt Elementary and has worked in public education for over 20 years. She is mother to two sons, ages 7 years and 8 weeks old. Welcome back Principal Reed and congratulations on your new son!

## South Salt Lake neighborhood centers:

### The Columbus Center

2531 South 400 East  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

### Woodrow Wilson Community Learning Center

2567 South Main Street  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

### Lincoln Community Learning Center

450 East 3700 South  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

### Granite Park Community Learning Center

3031 South 200 East  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

### Hser Ner Moo Welcome Center

479 East 2250 South  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

### Pioneer Craft House

3271 South 500 East  
South Salt Lake, UT 84106

### SSL PAL/Pete Suazo Boxing Gym

2825 South 200 East  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

### Roosevelt Community Learning Center

3225 South 800 East  
South Salt Lake, Utah 84106

### Villa Franche Community & Welcome Center

3440 South 500 East, Apt. #8  
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

## Read On

United Way of Salt Lake:  
“Bicycle Donation”  
Featuring the Hser Ner Moo  
Center

[www.uwslhub.org](http://www.uwslhub.org)



# Serving South Salt Lake: Kelli Meranda



Kelli Meranda

Kelli, a native of Salt Lake City, is the Coordinator for South Salt Lake Secondary-level programs, including Granite Park Junior High and PAL Pete Suazo Boxing Center. She has been working with South Salt Lake since December of 2009. A graduate of the University of Utah, Kelli studied Parks, Recreation and Tourism and says, “I enjoy working with kids, and I think the work we’re doing in South Salt Lake makes a difference.”

Kelli is quick to celebrate the partners in her work: “Granite Park Junior High’s leadership and faculty have been phenomenal to work with in keeping programming going,” says Kelli. “Mr. Rhinehart and GPJH Principal, Dr. Chun, and the entire faculty go above and beyond, and we couldn’t ask for better partners in education. For example, a GPJH teacher personally came down to PAL to let us know a student was passing his class and is eligible for boxing.”

“We’re growing and expanding in the Centers, and the kids are making huge strides with grades and behaviors,” says Kelli. She notes that PAL Boxing Center has 3 boys newly enrolled in CHILL, a program that provides lessons in skiing and snowboarding. Kelli recalls one of the youth after his first snowboarding outing: “He told me ‘my feet feel so small now that I don’t have snowboarding shoes on!’”

Fun Fact: Kelli loves to snowboard, hike and camp SL Valley. Her favorite places in world are Moab and Goblin Valley.

What inspires her: “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” -Mahatma Gandhi. This Gandhi quote is emblazmed across her cell phone. “This quote inspires me in life and work,” says Kelli. “I should be what I want the world to be. If I can’t change myself I can’t expect other people to.”

## Data Points

**2,608:** the number of youth served by the City of South Salt Lake’s Nine Neighborhood Centers

Teacher surveys indicate the following percentages as a result of participation in programming in SSL Neighborhood Centers:

**69%** of students have improved or greatly improved behavior

**59%** of students in the program improved academic performance

**74%** of students who participate in the program come to school “motivated to learn”



# SOUTH SALT LAKE CRADLE TO CAREER PIPELINE



The South Salt Lake Cradle to Career Pipeline is a graphic representation of the continuum of educational solutions that are strategically linked to one another to create a pathway of success for South Salt Lake children and youth. The “core” of the pipeline is segmented in order to facilitate more accurate data gathering and reporting regarding each of the sections to more efficiently target specific interventions to identified groups and ultimately individuals. The center layer represents supports/services that are necessary to keep the child/youth moving successfully from one stage to the next. The outer layer represents the various basic needs, conditions, and opportunities (top) within the community, while the individuals and groups (bottom) act as young peoples’ social supports. All “outer layer” components influence the quality (and ultimately the success) of the young person’s experience.

## Sound Bytes

*“One of the rules enforced at the Hser Ner Moo Center is “I will be honest,” and the teens are learning the value of being honest. During the enrichment program offered through one of the Center’s community partners Youth Linc, this became a reality. Two of the junior high aged boys came across a wallet. The wallet had \$800 cash inside of it. Hopefully because of what these boys have been learning, they decided to demonstrate honesty and turn the wallet in.”*

-Hser Ner Moo Community and Welcome Center



*“One of the 9th graders in the program won his first boxing bout for the PAL Pete Suazo Boxing and Welcome Center at the Utah USA Boxing Championship held on January 27, 2012. This boxer has been a rising star in our program in addition to his dramatic increase in grades, his dedication to the sport of boxing and his outlook on responsible citizenship.”*

-PAL Pete Suazo Boxing and Welcome Center



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