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HILLCREST JUNIOR HIGH PARTICIPATES IN LAUNCH OF JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT “FINANCE PARK”

Junior high students from Murray to take first field trip to innovative educational activity

February 23, 2007, Murray, UT – Over 125 Hillcrest Junior High 8th graders and chaperones will be the first group of students to participate in the Junior Achievement Finance Park, Monday, February 12 from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Junior Achievement City is a mini-municipality designed to support Junior Achievement's experiential learning programs at the interactive 10,000 square-foot learning facility located at Discovery Gateway in the heart of Salt Lake City.

Junior Achievement City has a real life feel of an actual community including a City Hall, Town Square, and up to 20 public and private businesses. Each business is sponsored by a real local company and displays the authentic logo and the actual marketplace appearance of the sponsor bringing the City to life for the students. These businesses include banks, shops, a restaurant, a TV and radio station, and public utilities. Junior Achievement City Discovery Gateway is sponsoring the Center for Free Enterprise Education, the only JA Enterprise Village/Finance Park™ program facility within 700 miles of Salt Lake City.

At the Salt Lake Junior Achievement City students will: Discover the connection between hard work and tangible success; experience personal responsibility, leadership and teambuilding; and realize the successes and consequences of actual decision making. The end result is that each student begins to understand the correlation between education and future goals, and the importance of being an active citizen and good employee. For more information on this program, see <http://www.ja-utah.org/index.html>

Discovery Gateway is comprised of four floors and over 60,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on displays and learning centers, including over 140 permanent exhibits, daily workshops, and special performances, providing enrichment in the arts, humanities, and sciences.

Discovery Gateway is located at 444 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

801-456-KIDS; <http://www.childmuseum.org/>.

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Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray School District; Mitzi Huff is president of the Murray School Board.

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