# A Resource Guide to Youth Service in Utah

### The 2004 Utah Youth Summit

The Sixth Annual Utah Youth Summit will be held Thursday, October 28—Saturday, October 30, 2004. This three-day retreat is designed to teach individuals from around the state the skills to be effectively engaged in their communities. It will focus on creating youth-adult partnerships, identifying community needs and resources, leadership skills, promoting youth voice, fostering individual commitment to lifelong service, and involvement in community youth service teams. Applications for teams of four youth and one adult to attend the summit will be available in May 2004.

### Youth Service Utah

www.utahspromise.org/ysu

Interested in youth service in Utah? Then this is the place for you! Here you will find information on how you can make a difference in your community through service and volunteerism. Learn about the Utah Youth Summit, opportunities for awards and recognition, how to contact your local volunteer center, and see what volunteer youth in Utah are doing today. (This website is expected to launch in April 2004).

### Utah's Promise

www.utahspromise.org

Utah's Promise is a grassroots effort that mobilizes volunteers to improve local communities. It also seeks to deliver five fundamental promises to Utah's children and youth:

1. A Caring Adult (a parent, teacher, mentor, or coach);
2. Safe Places to learn and to grow;
3. A Healthy Start in life for a healthy future;
4. Marketable Skills through an effective education; and
5. Opportunities to Serve and give back to the community.

### Utah Commission on Volunteers

www.volunteers.utah.gov

The mission of the Utah Commission on Volunteers is to improve communities through service and volunteering in Utah. The Commission has four basic responsibilities: to administer and coordinate Corporation for National and Community Service programs, administer Citizen Corps in Utah, oversee America's Promise efforts in the state, and provide technical support to Utah's Volunteer Centers.

### Live to Give!

www.ilivetogive.org

Log on to find the best way to volunteer your time and skills to benefit your community, or call 1-800-250-SERVE.

### For more information, please contact:

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## *Awards and Recognition*

**PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** www.presidentialserviceawards.gov
Award is given to individuals, families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period. Eligibility requirements vary by age.

**YOUTH SERVICE UTAH AWARD** www.volunteers.utah.gov/youthserviceutah.html
This award honors youth who have performed outstanding service in their communities and are making a positive impact in their local areas. Award categories include: individual youth, ages 14 and younger; individual youth, ages 15-18; and a youth group.

**PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIPS** www.nationalservice.org/scholarships
Each high school in the country may select up to two students to receive a $1000 scholarship in recognition for their outstanding leadership in service to the community. The students selected may be either high school junior or seniors. The Corporation for National and Community Service provides $500 for each scholarship, which must be matched with $500 secured by the school from a local service club, business or other organization.

**PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS** www.prudential.com/community
Sponsored by Prudential Financial Services, these awards recognize middle level and high school students who have demonstrated exemplary, self-initiated community service. Schools may select one honoree for every 1,000 students. Students are recognized at the local state, and national levels.

**GOVERNOR'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD** www.volunteers.utah.gov/criteria.html
The Governor's Points of Light Award is aimed at recognizing just a few of the many volunteers helping to make Utah a better state, while promoting and inspiring further volunteer efforts. The Governor's Points of Light Award is a weekly award presented quarterly to Utah residents who demonstrate exemplary volunteer service to their communities.

## *National Resources*

The Points of Light Foundation www.pointsoflight.org

Youth Service America www.ysa.org

America's Promise www.americaspromise.org

USA Freedom Corps www.usafreedomcorps.gov

Corporation for National and Community Service www.nationalservice.org

**2004 CALENDAR OF NATIONAL DAYS OF SERVICE**
January 19, 2004 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
April 16-18, 2004 - National Youth Service Day
April 18-24, 2004 - National Volunteer Week
May 1, 2004 - Join Hands Day
September 11, 2004 - One Day's Pay
October 23, 2004 - Make a Difference Day
November 20, 2004 - National Family Volunteer Day