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Volunteering Rates in Utah Rise

****MEDIA ALERT****

Who: Lt. Governor Spencer Cox; LaDawn Stoddard, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism (UCSV); Jake Murakami, State Director, Corporation for National and Community Service; UCSV Commissioners; and Volunteer Center Coordinators

What: Utah Ranking in 2013 in America Report

Where: Candy Cane Corner Store (1812 South Empire Road, Suite G, Salt Lake City, UT 84104)

When: December 16, 2013, 12:15 pm

Salt Lake City - Lt. Governor Spencer Cox and key state partners will announce the findings of the 2013 Volunteering in America Report, ranking Utah as the #1 volunteering state in the nation for the 8th year running. A press event will be held at Candy Cane Corner on December 16th at 11:30 am.

New research released by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Volunteering and Civic Life in America 2013 report ranks Utah as the #1 volunteering state in the nation with 47.7% of adults volunteering, an increase of 6.8 percentage points from last year. This volunteering rate is significantly above the national average of 26.5%. Provo, Ogden and Salt Lake ranked in the top 5 in their respective city categories.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES are available after the press conference with:

Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox
LaDawn Stoddard, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism
Karen Hale, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office

PRESS KIT AVAILABLE at the press conference will include:

Volunteering and Civic Life in America FACT SHEET
Volunteering in America HIGHLIGHTS FOR UTAH
Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism PROFILE

Members of the media are encouraged to attend any of the conference's events. For interview information or additional questions please contact Katie Barlow 801-715-6717.

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