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CDC Presents Randy Jepperson with Annual Community Builder Award

Salt Lake City (3 July 2008)-- Community Development Corporation of Utah (CDC) has awarded Mr. Randy Jepperson, Housing Coordinator for Salt Lake County's Community Resources and Development Division, with its highest honor, the Community Builder Award. Randy's extraordinary efforts in strengthening communities by increasing affordable homeownership opportunities and revitalizing neighborhoods has made a noticeable difference in Salt Lake County.

Salt Lake County has long partnered with CDC to develop affordable housing and to promote homeownership. Together, this partnership has yielded over forty new homes in Magna alone. What is more, dozens and dozens of first-time homebuyer families have received down payment assistance, without which, they would not have been able to buy their homes in Kearns, Magna, Sandy, or Taylorsville. Randy has played a key role in all this success and is also instrumental in new revitalization efforts in Kearns, where Salt Lake County, CDC, and other stakeholders are working on a long-term effort that will help bring many outdated and even unsafe homes up to code while also improving their energy efficiency, livability, and curb appeal.

"I have known Randy for many years, and have always been impressed with the passion he has for the work he does," says Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon. "That passion, along with his vision and follow through, have made Randy very successful in his diligent efforts to increase affordable homeownership while improving needful neighborhoods throughout Salt Lake County. His ability to work through issues and see projects through to completion has definitely made him a valued community partner."

CDC Executive Director Darin Brush remarks that "I've known Randy for nearly 15 years and there is no greater champion for affordable housing, homeownership, and neighborhood revitalization. Randy is a true "community builder."

Community Development Corporation of Utah (cdcutah.org) is a Utah non-profit corporation founded in 1990 with the mission to develop affordable homeownership opportunities in order to promote strong families and stable neighborhoods. To date, CDC has aided more than 1700 families in more than 125 communities to become homeowners. Programs offered by CDC include new home construction, homebuyer education and counseling, and down payment assistance.

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