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Logan 4-H to be Honored for Community Contributions By Utah Bankers Association

(Logan, UT --- November 12, 2003) The 4-H Club will receive an award Thursday, November 13 from the Utah Bankers Association (UBA) for their exemplary spirit of volunteerism and community service. UBA President Howard Headlee, said the "Heart of the Community Award," recognizes the 4-H Club's contributions to Utah. "We are fortunate to live in a state where a great deal of importance is placed on volunteerism and personal contribution to each other and our community. Most citizens serve their communities quietly without seeking recognition, making generous contributions of time and financial resources to a wide variety of worthy causes. The impact of the 4-H Club on so many lives is immeasurable."

The award will be accepted by Kevin Kesler, Director of Utah 4-H. Along with a number of young people, several national 4-H Council representatives will be in attendance, including Susan Halbert, Sr. Vice Pres. 4-H/Extension Relations, Steve Gunderson, Former US Senator and Washington representative for National 4-H Council, and David Henderson, Sr. Vice President for Marketing and Communications.

Mr. Headlee said, "We have found through years of experience that somewhere between the best efforts of our institutions and the real, human needs that exist in every community, you will find unmet needs, or gaps in services. Therefore, every community needs committed and caring individuals that will step up and put these unmet needs on their shoulders and fill the gaps. When this happens, miracles happen, and that is why the Utah Bankers Association began its "Heart of the Community Award" campaign – to recognize those outstanding individuals that are willing to make the type of personal sacrifices that make our communities whole."

Like the dedicated work of the 4-H volunteers, Mr. Headlee said the banks in Utah have been an integral part of Utah life since statehood, and they continue to be deeply involved in all aspects of the state's heritage and future. Last year banks donated over \$175 million in charitable contributions and community investments. Their employees are also major contributors, last year donating more than 110,000 hours in community service. Headlee noted that these contributions have been part of "banks giving back to their communities" over many years. "The measurement of time and money is not as important as the fact that banks have played a central role in making Utah a wonderful place to live and work," he said.

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