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NEWS RELEASE

KIDS ON THE MOVE EXTENDS SERVICES TO OLDER CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Children with Autism Can Now Receive Affordable Help with KOTM's New Bridges Program

Kids On the Move has a new program available to children ages 3-to-5 years old who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder or similar developmental delay. This is the first time in their 24 year history that KOTM services will be available to children in this age group. This new program, called "Bridges Autism Services" is currently enrolling children.

Kids On The Move has an established track record serving children with Autism, according to Jessica Weipert, mother of Carson who is currently receiving services. Weipert says, "Kids On The Move has really helped my son Carson to progress in his development. My provider Aubrey has not only helped Carson, but has been able to help me understand his needs. I just adore Kids On The Move."

"There are a variety of good services available to preschoolers with Autism," said Eileen Chamberland, Executive Director of Kids On The Move. "However, because of the explosion in the number of children with Autism or similar disorders, all systems are stretched to meet the need. Kids On The Move is helping by offering a unique menu of services from which families can choose, based on their child's individual needs. Our goal is to give families affordable options so their child can make the best progress possible in the critical preschool period. "

Bridges focuses on five areas of service: (1) preschool and socially focused playgroups which include both the children and parents; (2) in-home services with an autism specialist in an individually designed program; (3) a materials lending library so parents can save money on the special toys and learning materials needed by children with Autism; and (4) a series of classes to give parents the information they need to help their

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child and (5) professional, in-depth assessment to determine the starting point for a child's progress and to guide future developmental goals. Families may choose any combination of options.

Laurie Bowen, Bridges Program Director, states "While we know some families will want comprehensive services from KOTM, our services are not exclusive. For instance, we are happy if a family wants only to borrow materials or only to participate in our social skills group. We want to provide reasonably priced services to help families."

For more information contact Laurie Bowen at 801-221-9930 ext. 168, or lbowen@kotm.org. Preschool and social skills groups are enrolling now for September startup. Additional information is available at www.kidsonthemove.org.

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Kids On The Move is a nonprofit organization serving families with young children ages birth to three, including children with disabilities, developmental delays and/or children in a low-income situation. Founded in 1986, the organization supports the development of young children and families in Utah County by providing Early Intervention services, Early Head Start services, Autism Services for children ages 3-5 through the Bridges Program, and through The Noorda Resource Library. Recently, Kids On The Move was named the "Nonprofit of the Year" and received the 2009 Watkins Award from the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce. More information is available at www.kidsonthemove.org.

Available for interviews:

Laurie Bowen, Director, Bridges Program, Kids On The Move
Eileen Chamberland, Executive Director, Kids On The Move
Jessica Weipert, Family served by Kids On The Move

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New Executive Director at Kids On The Move

Long time Early Intervention Program Coordinator hired as new Executive Director

OREM, UT—March 3, 2010 – Kids On The Move, a nonprofit organization based in Orem that supports the development of young children and families in Utah County, announced that Eileen Chamberland has been appointed as the new Executive Director.

Chamberland replaces Stuart C. Collyer who is retiring after nearly 6 years at Kids On The Move and an additional 32 year career in healthcare with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Stuart served at seven different VA medical centers across the country in various administrative roles. His last two assignments were as the Director of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center in New York and as the Director of the VA Southern Colorado Healthcare System.

Eileen Chamberland first joined the Kids On The Move staff 18 years ago and has served as the Early Intervention Program Coordinator—Kids On The Move’s largest program—for the past 12 years. She received her Bachelor’s degree from BYU in Psychology and Master’s degree in Human Resources from Utah State University. She has been involved on numerous committees for early childhood development and children with special needs at both the state and local levels.

“This is an exciting time of growth at Kids On The Move! We recently opened a Satellite Center location in Lehi to better serve families in the northern part of the county; we expanded the Early Head Start program to better help fight poverty among families with young children—especially reaching out to those in the southern part of the county; and now we’re starting a new pilot program to provide Autism Services to children ages 3-5 throughout the entire county. Eileen is the leader we need to help us reach our ambitious goals in the coming years as well,” said Andrew Ford, current Chair of the KOTM Board of Directors.

A public Open House will be held at Kids On The Move (475 W 260 N, Orem) on Monday, March 29 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to thank Stuart Collyer for his years of service and wish him well in his retirement, as well as to welcome Eileen Chamberland as the new Executive Director.

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For more information about Kids On The Move or its mission and services, please contact them directly at www.kidsonthemove.org or 801-221-9930.

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Available for interviews:

Stuart Collyer, current Executive Director, Kids On The Move
Eileen Chamberland, Early Intervention Program Coordinator and Executive Director designate
Andrew Ford, Chair, KOTM Board of Directors

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KIDS ON THE MOVE HONORS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

Jan McKelar retires after ten years of service to Utah's families

OREM, UTAH – Kids On The Move, a nonprofit organization that provides child development and family resources to families with young children, honors Jan McKelar, who has been a faithful volunteer for over ten years. McKelar, age 82, provided assistance by preparing the bi-monthly newsletter for mailing and distribution to the hundreds of families that receive Kids On The Move services each month.

In recent months, over 600 families in any given month have received the newsletter which provides information...

Jan's Husband Glen McKelar started volunteering several years before Jan when he retired from Brigham Young University. Jan and Glen volunteered side by side for several years

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until Glen passed away in 2000. After his death, Jan continued to volunteer, because it made her feel at home. “I got started at Kids On the Move when my church leaders emphasized the importance of being more involved in our communities,” said Jan McKelar.

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“Glen and Jan were asked to help with the bulk mailings,” said Scott Snow development director. “They kindly accepted the challenge, and served with great diligence. All of the families that have come through Kids On The Move over the last ten years have been influenced for good by them and she will be greatly missed.”

Jan was an active recruiter in her neighborhood bringing friends and neighbors to help her with newsletter distribution. She often picked up her friends that were not fit to drive due to their age. Jan has recently resigned from volunteering at Kids On The Move, because she is unable to drive.

For further information about Kids on the Move visit www.kidsonthemove.org.

About Kids On the Move:

Kids On The Move is a non-profit organization based in Orem, Utah that provides support and services to children and families in Utah County. Kids On The Move serves families with children birth to age three, including families of children with special needs and also low-income families. Kids On The Move provides services and support to children and families through four main programs: Early Intervention, Early Head Start, the Early Education Center, and Noorda Family Resource Library. Kids On The Move has over 1,000 volunteers each year.

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