Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor Erin Litvack to Present Awards at 8th Annual “I Make a Difference” Teen Art and Media Contest

SALT LAKE COUNTY, UT – “I Make a Difference” Teen Art and Media Contest is now accepting art entries from youth ages 10 to 21 within Salt Lake County, who would like to demonstrate concepts on implementing safe and economical ways through their art to be eco-friendly to produce sustainable gardens. The contest is sponsored by Salt Lake County Youth Services, Salt Lake County Health Department and in public-partnership with ShelterKids. Youth can show the small and simple ways that they can make a difference in building healthy communities through Sustainable Gardening.

Carolyn Hansen, Director of Salt Lake County Youth Services says, “Expression through pictures, poetry and other forms of art are ways youth can express their inner thoughts and work through turmoil and stress that may be a part of their lives. At Youth Services, we support and encourage youth to express themselves through artistic means when they can’t find their voice. It is a healthy way for them to share with others what their world may look like and a way for them to express their life experiences.”

Drop off or email entries to Youth Services will be received from March 1 - March 24 and voting will take place through Salt Lake County Youth Services Facebook page from Mach 27 - April 7, 2017. All artwork will be on display along with the winners being awarded at the Environmental Health Earth Day Celebration on April 21,2017. Prizes include $250, $150, $100 gift cards respectively, each will receive an iPod and gardening supplies from Home Depot.

For more information about the “I Make Difference” contest and how you can participate, please visit http://slco.org/youth/events/ or contact Gina Percival at 385-468-4506/ gpercival@slco.org.

WHO: Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor, Erin Litvack
     Salt Lake County Youth Services Director, Carolyn Hansen/ Staff
     Youth “I Make a Difference” Teen Art and Media Contest Winners
WHAT: I Make a Difference Teen Art and Media Contest Awards Presentation
WHEN: April 21,2017 –10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Photo opportunity at 11:00 a.m.
WHERE: Environmental Health Department-788 E Woodoak Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84107

About Salt Lake County Youth Services
Since 1974, Salt Lake County Youth Services has provided safety, shelter and support to children, youth and their families in the Greater Salt Lake area. The program offers 15 services to Salt Lake County residents including substance abuse treatment, residential shelter care for youth 0 to 18, after school programs, short and long-term individual and family counseling, juvenile receiving centers, and resources for homeless youth.