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Financial Experts, Civic Leaders and More to Discuss the Economics of Disabilities

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH –

What: *The Bottom Line of Disabilities: Investing in Social Change*

This symposium convenes expert panelists, corporate and civic leaders, advocates, and industry professionals to discuss the social, financial and economic impact disabilities have in our communities. Topics will include “Policies that Shape Opportunity, Controversy and Change;” “Harnessing Entrepreneurs and Capital Markets to Drive Social Change through Impact Investing;” and “Public/Private Partnerships Tackling Autism.”

Where: Columbus Community Center
3495 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

When: January 20, 2015; 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Who: This event will feature the following speakers and moderators:

- Laura Anderson, president of the Autism Council of Utah;
- Jan Bergeson, CRA director of Ally Bank;
- Michael Drury, chief economist at McVean Trading and Investments and GIC chairman;
- Philippa Dunne, co-editor of The Liscio Report and Sightlines Bulletin and GIC board member;
- Peter Gold, president of TheGoldGroup, LLC and GIC vice chairman of operations;
- Lewis Hower, executive director of the James Lee Sorenson Center for Global Impact Investing;
- Gary Knapp, executive director of the Columbus Community Center;
- James Lucier, principal of Capital Alpha;
- Stephanie Mackay, director of development at Columbus Community Center;
- Ben McAdams, mayor of Salt Lake County;
- Michael McKee, economics editor for Bloomberg Television and Bloomberg Radio;
- Steve Sexauer, CIO, US Multi Asset, Allianz Global Investors and GIC board member;
- Thorkil Sonne, CEO and founder of Specialisterne;
- José Velasco, head of SAP U.S. Autism at Work Program;
- Mike Willhard, vice president and CIO of the Workers Compensation Fund;
- Ann Williamson, executive director of Utah Department of Human Services; and
- Cheryl Wright, founder of University of Utah’s NeuroVersity program.

Contact: To register for this event or for more information please contact Amanda Lichtenstein, the Global Interdependence Center’s manager of marketing and membership, at alichtenstein@interdependence.org or 215-238-0990.

About the Global Interdependence Center: The Global Interdependence Center is a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization that seeks to stimulate thoughtful, global dialogue on a wide range of issues that affect the international community, including economics, health care and government. GIC convenes conferences and roundtable discussions, both domestically and internationally, to identify and address emerging global issues. For more information, visit GIC’s website at www.interdependence.org.

About the Columbus Community Center: Columbus has provided services for individuals with disabilities since 1968. Columbus is recognized locally and nationally as a well-established, innovative nonprofit agency that works strategically with stakeholders to support individuals so they can make informed decisions, pursue meaningful careers and live with independence in the community. Columbus follows a “social enterprise” business model that offers business services and social services to create opportunity for individuals with disabilities. Columbus began as a grass-roots effort started by parents looking for a community-based program, opening its doors with eight young adults and has grown to serve over 400 people a year. Learn more at www.columbusseves.org.

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