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## **St. John Properties Children's Library a Reality for Pleasant Grove**

*Utah Contractors Join St John Properties to Enable Elevator Access for Special Needs*

**PLEASANT GROVE, UTAH— May 12, 2017—**St. John Properties gathers today with hundreds of Harry Potter fans (in costume) to wave the wand for special needs access to the Pleasant Grove Library. On the library steps surrounded by the city's children, the City Council is set to vote to accept St. John Properties' commitment to construct an elevator and sky bridge. This will enable wheelchair access to the Library's Resource Center, the Children's Library and finally allow the restrooms to be ADA accessible. Work on the elevator is set for completion by year-end, complimenting the company's 60-acre master planned development known as Valley Grove.

"We so appreciate the generosity of St. John Properties and its partners," states Pleasant Grove City Councilman Eric Jensen. "This new elevator is overdue as we seek to better serve all children and our community members with special needs. Our dream of a Children's Library can now become a reality."

"We all have the power to make a difference," states Edward St. John, chairman and founder of St. John Properties. "We have the choice to make it personal and discover where there is need. It's the most important thing we do. We take pride in giving back to the communities in which we have a presence."

The [Edward St. John Foundation](#) provides financial assistance to formal education programs. More than \$60 million has been contributed, pledged and gifted by the Foundation, St. John Properties and Edward St. John to a variety of not-for-profit organizations.

"We must give equal credit to our exceptional Utah-based contractors contributing to this effort," states Daniel Thomas, regional partner for St. John Properties, Utah. "Children are the future of Utah Valley and we seek to help them become all they can be."

### **Utah Valley Rising**

The state added 42,100 jobs between November 2015 and November 2016, according to the Utah Department of Workforce Services. Utah Valley's tech heavy silicon slopes are pulling the epicenter of population growth south of the state's capitol city as new jobs and new homes dot the Utah County landscape according to the University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. This is driving increased demand for office space in Utah Valley.

### **About St. John Properties**

Established in 1971 by Edward St. John, St. John Properties has evolved from a developer of commercial buildings into a long-term real estate investment company. Now expanding in Utah, [St. John Properties](#) is attracted by the State's economic strength, pro-business climate, quality of life, and projected growth. St. John's new Valley Grove development in Pleasant Grove marks the company's commitment to Utah's quality of life with its 40th LEED certified commercial office building.

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