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The Living Planet Aquarium Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Let's Party Like a Sea Star!

Sandy, UT (May 28, 2009) --- Saturday, June 6, The Living Planet Aquarium will celebrate 5 years of providing many landlocked Utahans, particularly children, an exclusive educational experience never before available in Utah.

The Living Planet officially opened a preview exhibit to the public in 2004 at The Gateway with 18 exhibits covering 10,000 square feet of space. In June of 2006, The Living Planet relocated to a 43,000 square foot facility in Sandy, and now features 49 exhibits, over 1,250 animals and 260 species such as sharks, rays, seahorses, jellyfish, eels, starfish, amphibians, trout and other freshwater species. Attendance is on pace to reach over 325,000 this year.

“The Living Planet has made amazing progress over the last 5 years,” says Director of PR and Marketing, Angie Hyde, “and much of that can be attributed to the vision of our CEO, Brent Andersen, a very talented staff, our donors, community leaders and the generosity of our citizens.”

“Nearly everything at the aquarium—from the first trout tank built in 2004 to the South American exhibit which opened in February of this year—has been built with donated money,” Hyde says. “Utah should be very proud of the Aquarium it has created.”

Saturday, June 6, from 10am until noon, The Radio Disney Road Crew will be onsite with music, dancers, crafts, and games. There will also be the opportunity to win a birthday party package in the Sunken Ship at The Living Planet Aquarium, and admission for children ages 3-17 is only \$5 all day.

The Living Planet Mission Statement

The Living Planet Aquarium is dedicated to celebrating life on Earth by fostering a greater awareness and knowledge of Earth's diverse ecosystems and creating a deeper understanding of our place in the global system of life.

The Living Planet Aquarium is located at 725 E 10600 S in Sandy. Admission prices: \$8 Adult, \$7 student/seniors/military, \$6 Children ages 3-17, Free for children 2 and under. Annual membership prices: \$16 Adult, \$12 Children ages 3-17. The Living Planet is open Sunday-Thursday 10am-7pm and Friday/Saturday from 10am-8pm. Visit www.thelivingplanet.com or call 801-355-FISH (3474) for more information.

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