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## Clark Foundation Gives to The Leonardo on Wheels—Science

SALT LAKE CITY—Dec. 2, 2004—The Utah Science Center today announced that the Clark Foundation ([www.clarkfoundation.org](http://www.clarkfoundation.org)) has donated \$5,000 to The Leonardo on Wheels—Science, the center's educational outreach program

Launched in early October, The Leonardo on Wheels—Science is a traveling mini-science center featuring up to 24 highly interactive activities that support Utah State Office of Education 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade science and math curriculum standards. All exhibits are designed to foster inquiry and provide students with tools to answer their own questions, and understand how science relates to their communities and world. The program also includes a “Leonardo Notebook” component that encourages students to explore and record their experiences through words and artwork, in addition to the hands-on experiences. The Leonardo on Wheels—Science also develops and tests prototype exhibits for the Utah Science Center at The Leonardo.

“The Clark Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the Leonardo on Wheels project,” said Michael Clark, Foundation president. “The Utah Science Center has a fantastic ability to inspire Utah’s children to think about the universe around them. We are once again proud to support their efforts.”

Beginning in early 2005, a distinctive trailer carrying The Leonardo on Wheels—Science exhibits will begin traveling to area middle schools. Students, teachers and Science Center staff will work together to develop questions and perform experiments. Schools wishing to book a school visit can contact Program Manager Mike Anderson at [mike@utahsciencecenter.org](mailto:mike@utahsciencecenter.org) or 801/671-9089.

The Clark Foundation’s donation will go toward operations and exhibit development for The Leonardo on Wheels—Science program. The Foundation joins The Leonardo on Wheels—Science sponsors Envirocare of Utah, Micron Technology Foundation, Battelle, NeuroCom, State of Utah Natural Resource Energy Office and COGBOX. The program is also partially supported by the Utah State Office of Education via funds from the Utah State Legislature.

### **About The Leonardo on Wheels**

The Leonardo on Wheels is the educational outreach program for The Leonardo at Library Square, bringing art, culture and science exhibits and programming into schools and communities across the state and region. In addition to The Leonardo on Wheels—Science, The Leonardo plans to launch other “on Wheels” programs in the future, including: The Leonardo on Wheels—Documentary Arts, a program by the Center for Documentary Arts, and; The Leonardo on Wheels—Arts Education, an art-making program operated by Global Artways.

### **About The Leonardo**

Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci—one of history’s most versatile visionaries—The Leonardo will be a one-of-a-kind Art, Culture and Science center that encourages visitors to explore subjects from new perspectives.

The Leonardo will open in the former Salt Lake City main library building on Library Square. From this exciting location, The Leonardo and the magnificent new City Library will create a dynamic public square for research and learning.

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Three organizations have come together to create and develop The Leonardo: Global Artways ([www.globalartways.org](http://www.globalartways.org)), Salt Lake City's arts education program; the Center for Documentary Arts ([www.cdautah.org](http://www.cdautah.org)); and the Utah Science Center ([www.utahsciencecenter.org](http://www.utahsciencecenter.org)).

**About the Utah Science Center**

The Utah Science Center ([www.utahsciencecenter.org](http://www.utahsciencecenter.org)) emphasizes creative and active exploration of the worlds of science and technology. Utah Science Center endeavors to create a culture and environment for exploring the factors and phenomena that affect our lives and shape our future.

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