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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*

When and Where: Friday, April 1, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

Event information and registration at bit.ly/SaltLake2016

This symposium is one in a series that convenes expert panelists, corporate and civic leaders, advocates, and industry professionals to discuss the social, financial, and economic impact disabilities have in our communities. 1 in 11 adults is unemployed due to a disability, which has life-long consequences of poverty and isolation. Panelists will include a cross section of community leaders discussing the role that governmental entities, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, researchers, businesses, and the nonprofit sector play in facilitating and advancing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

The keynote address “Helping Different Kinds of Minds Become Successful” will be given by Temple Grandin, PhD, a professor at Colorado State University, bestselling author, autism advocate, and consultant on animal behavior. Dr. Grandin is world-renowned in the livestock industry and is an active advocate for people with autism. Articles and interviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *People*, *Time*, National Public Radio, 20/20, The View and the BBC. She was also honored in Time Magazine's 2010 “The 100 Most Influential People in the World.” Learn more about Dr. Grandin's extensive work from *The Economist*: [A jungle no more: How Temple Grandin's designs have reformed the meat industry](#) and [Temple Grandin on working with Autism: I like the way I think](#).

Topics:

- “The Employment Odyssey—A Candid Conversation about Government and Corporate Social Responsibility”
- “The Role of Federal Reserve Bank: Policy, Research, Practices, and Collaboration that Impact our Communities”
- “Building Intentional Communities”

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

- Temple Grandin, Ph.D., Autism Advocate and Professor of Animal Science, Colorado State University
- David Altig, Executive Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and GIC Board Member
- Todd Brashear, Executive Director, McCarthy Family Foundation
- Darin Brush, Executive Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

- Kristy Chambers, Executive Director, Columbus Community Center
- Joselyn Cousins, Regional Manager, Community Development, Arizona, Nevada and Utah, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- Palmer DePaulis, Former Mayor of Salt Lake City and Community Advocate
- Michael Drury, Chief Economist, McVean Trading & Investments and GIC Chairman
- Ian Galloway, Senior Research Associate, Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- Natalie Gochnour, Associate Dean, David Eccles School of Business and Director, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah
- Val Hale, Executive Director, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Safia Keller, Parent Representative
- David Kotok, CIO, Cumberland Advisors and GIC Board Member
- Stephanie Mackay, Chief Innovation Officer, Columbus and GIC Board Member
- Michael McKee, Radio Host and Economics Editor, Bloomberg Television
- William McMahan, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Autism Outreach, Psychiatry Department, University of Utah
- JaLynn Prince, President and Co-Founder, Madison House Autism Foundation
- Monica Rafferty, CCIM, V.P. Commercial Sales & Leasing, Coldwell Banker Commercial Advisors
- Paul Smith, Executive Director, State of Utah Department of Services for People with Disabilities

Contact: To register for this event or for more information please contact Julia Strapp, the Global Interdependence Center's associate director of communications, at jstrapp@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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