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THE URBAN INDIAN CENTER OF SALT LAKE (UICSL) CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO UTAH'S URBAN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) COMMUNITY!

FOR RELEASE –2024 will mark a significant milestone for the Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake (UICSL) as we celebrate five decades in service of AI/ANs residing in the metropolitan area of Salt Lake City.

Founded in 1974 as the Indian Walk-In Center, UICSL adopted our current name and mission in 2012 to emphasize our commitment to enduring connections with traditional lifestyles while more effectively aligning with the diverse needs of our growing urban AI/AN community. Today, UICSL provides various direct care and care coordination services; schedules, organizes and hosts cultural events/activities; and assists clients with navigating various state and federal resources providing economic stability, housing, employment opportunities, education, and training.

“Our 50th anniversary theme, *Honoring Tradition, Memory and Vision*, is the framework in which we will celebrate our evolution and progress throughout the year,” said Alan Barlow, Executive Director. “The traditions of all tribal nations we serve---informed by memory and inspired by visions for an equitable and exciting future ---actively molds and shapes our identity within our community like an artist working clay. We are a vessel of the People, and the design of our work reflects their traditions, memories, and visions over the years.”

UICSL is planning numerous acts of celebration throughout 2024, including the release of 50th Anniversary logo; sponsorships of and partnerships for AI/AN cultural events; the opening of a new facility for clinical services; and other contests and events open to the community.

To learn more, please visit us at www.uicsl.org or connect with us on social media.

ABOUT THE URBAN INDIAN CENTER OF SALT LAKE

UICSL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and Urban Indian Organization (UIO) authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA, P. L. 94-437) . We fulfill our mission “[t]o serve The People by honoring Native cultures, strengthening health and wellness programs, and cultivating community” through culturally competent medical, behavioral health, and community health care services as well as the preservation of AI/AN traditions through cultural practices, programs and events. Learn more at www.uicsl.org or connect with us on social media.