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## **Utah-made Documentary Takes Center Stage with Local Dignitaries**

*“Happy Valley” Warming Up For Its Release with Upcoming Showing for  
Government and Medical Officials*

SALT LAKE CITY, UT ----*Happy Valley*, a documentary that shines a dramatic spotlight on the growing problem of drug abuse in Utah, will debut in a private screening this Tuesday at 3:00p at the Salt Lake City Library’s Nancy Tessner Theater for a variety of government and medical officials who are interested in making a difference in our community.

Among those expected at Tuesday’s showing are various state officials including members from the Utah State Student Council, the Utah State Drug and Violence Task Forces, Utah Parole Chiefs, the Utah Attorney General’s Office, Utah Court Employees and other prominent citizens within the community. Also, speaking at the event will be Dr. John Bair President the UMA (Utah Medical Association) and Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Todd Gray. Mayor Rocky Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. John Huntsman have also been extended an invitation to experience *Happy Valley* during this private screening.

Created by Utah businessman, Ron Williams, *Happy Valley* depicts the real-life stories of several Utah residents dramatically affected by prescription drug abuse, street drug abuse, and addiction. Cultural issues such as denial, conformity, social pressure and guilt are explored as Williams chronicles the emotional journeys of the individuals and families featured in the film.

In June 2007, *Happy Valley* took the prize for Best Film and Audience Choice Award in the internationally-acknowledged Breckenridge Festival of Film. The 26-year-old annual event is one of the oldest and well-known film festivals of its kind in the nation and has consistently introduced some the best films produced (*see [www.breckfilmfest.com](http://www.breckfilmfest.com)*).

As the anti-drug and addiction movement continues to gain the attention of media and prominent members within our Utah communities, *Happy Valley* has become an icon within the vision of those working to create social awareness and community responsibility, promote education, and encourage prevention of drug addiction both locally and nationally.

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