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**MEDIA ALERT - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Wasatch Community Gardens hosts its annual Tomato Sandwich Part**

**EVENT:** Wasatch Community Gardens' annual Tomato Sandwich Party is a public event where attendees are invited to eat free, delicious, organic, and locally-grown heirloom tomato & pesto sandwiches. The basil used to prepare the pesto is grown in the Wasatch Community Gardens' youth gardens, the tomatoes are sourced from local growers, and the bread is donated by Crumb Brothers.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 10, 2016 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**WHO:** Wasatch Community Gardens celebrates community-building and the tomato-ripening season with its annual [Tomato Sandwich Party](#), and invites all community members who love tomatoes to attend this free event.

**WHERE:** Sandwiches will be served at Wasatch Community Gardens' Grateful Tomato Garden, 800 S 600 E, Salt Lake City. The Grateful Tomato Garden is a hub of education and community building around food and urban agriculture and is protected from development in perpetuity through a conservation easement placed on the property earlier this year. The garden features community garden plots where individuals and families grow their own food; youth garden plots where youth experience garden-based education; a straw-bale greenhouse; a chicken coop; an artesian well; and a demonstration garden used to teach adult gardening workshops. This garden provides the community with beautiful, productive, and creative garden spaces, which is the perfect setting to meet up with friends and eat tomato & pesto sandwiches at the Tomato Sandwich Party.

**WHY:** For more than two decades, the Tomato Sandwich Party has welcomed the local community to taste the flavor of heirloom tomatoes at this event. "The Tomato Sandwich Party has become an institution in Salt Lake City. It gives our organization a chance to celebrate local, organic, food, and say thank you to the community," says Ashley Patterson, Executive Director.

Tomato Sandwich Party attendees can anticipate trying a variety of heirloom tomatoes that are not only delicious to eat, but also add vibrant, beautiful hues of red, green, and yellow color and texture to any sandwich. "The exciting thing about the Tomato Sandwich Party is that the next generation has an opportunity to taste these heirloom treasures. Some Tomato Sandwich Party attendees came to this event as children and are now bringing their own children," says Felecia Maxfield-Barrett, Outreach Director. It is anticipated that 1,000 people will attend this event.

**ABOUT WASATCH COMMUNITY GARDENS:** [Wasatch Community Gardens](#) has served Wasatch Front residents since 1989 with the belief that the quality of a community is directly related to the quality of its food. We offer garden space, educational programs, and community events to empower people to grow, harvest, preserve, and prepare fresh, healthy food. We execute our mission through five main programs: Community Garden Program, Youth Garden Program, School Garden Program, Community Education Program, and the GREEN TEAM Farm Project.

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