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Media Release

Getting Dirty for a Good Cause

GRAND JUNCTION, CO October 9, 2008 – There are times when getting dirty is simply the right thing to do, and for Deputy City Manager Rich Englehart and Fire Chief Ken Watkins that time is now.

As part of the City of Grand Junction's 'Adopt a Family' fundraiser program, both the Deputy Manager and Fire Chief will take on tasks that are out of their usual areas of expertise and a little different from what they typically do. Chief Watkins will join City trash crews on **Friday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m.** to help with City trash collection, and Deputy Manager Englehart will help Streets crews patch potholes on **Friday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m.** Members of the media are welcome to stop by. Both shifts will begin at the City Shops building, 333 West Avenue, Bldg. A, and they will depart from there. Both men are finishing up their end of the agreement by doing the jobs that were handed to them.

Seven City administrators took part in the fundraiser and the jobs they have been asked to take on range from washing dishes at Two Rivers Convention Center to digging graves at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery. The seven jobs were selected by City employees via a nomination and voting process. The tasks were then doled out based on a friendly fundraising effort between the seven participants with the one raising the most money, in this case City Manager Laurie Kadrich, having first pick of the jobs. She will be working with the Horticulture crew to dig graves at the cemetery at a future date.

'Adopt-A-Family' is an annual event sponsored by the City of Grand Junction Employees' Association. It is held during the holiday season and several deserving families are selected to receive Christmas dinner, gifts, clothing, and food. Many City employees donate money in order to buy clothing and supplies the families need. In addition, food donation boxes are placed in City facilities to collect food for the program.

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