

 BIOGRAPHIES**Rebecca Chavez-Houck**

Rebecca's experience in non-profit public relations and marketing over the past 25 years includes positions with Centro de la Familia de Utah, Utah Public Employees' Association, Girl Scouts of Utah, Hal Gardiner Public Relations and the Utah Museum of Natural History. She began her career as a reporter/photographer for the *Uinta County Herald* in Evanston, Wyoming, where she covered the Uinta County Court System, Evanston City Police and Uinta County Social Services. Rebecca has cultivated another "career" as an activist and a volunteer with myriad local non-profit groups, including Intermountain Healthcare, YWCA, KRCL Community Radio, Planned Parenthood Action Council, Utah State Democratic Party, ACLU and the United Way of Salt Lake. She was appointed to complete the legislative term of newly elected Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker and was elected in 2008 to retain the seat. She represents District 24 in the Utah House of Representatives, which covers the Capitol Hill, Avenues and downtown areas of Salt Lake City.

Rebecca and her husband of 23 years, Martin Houck, have two children, Erica, a sophomore at the University of Utah, and Michael, age 15.

Who has had the most influence in your life?

"My parents, most notably my mother. I was a very precocious child, and when I began reading at age three, my mother did everything possible to open the world of knowledge to me. She insisted I could do anything if I set my mind to it. My gender, religion, and ethnicity were not to be seen as limitations, but rather opportunities for broader understanding and perspective."