

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NORTHERN COLORADO

CHILDHOOD MATTERS

To Our Supporters and Friends,

2020 has certainly been a year like no other. The challenges our nation and world have encountered have been perceived and experienced differently by different people, children included. We have witnessed firsthand how the pandemic, the economy, and social unrest has impacted families and children. We are proud that the Children's Museum of Northern Colorado project has continued undeterred. If anything, our mission to enrich the lives of children and their families by offering play-experiences is even more important. For CMNC, 2020 has been a year like no other as we have taken tremendous strides towards achieving our vision, and 2021 promises to be full of more accomplishments.

This past June, the board set the goal of being "campaign ready" by the end of 2021 and identified three keys to that plan:

- **Exhibit Planning:** Over the summer, a team of parents, educators and advocates developed an exhibit plan for the children's museum. CMNC's experiences will be rich in play, stimulate thinking and conversation, and represent the diversity of Northern Colorado.
- **Building and Site Planning:** We are working with McWhinney on a centrally located site that will be accessible to all the communities of Northern Colorado and truly beyond. The one-acre site represents the first major gift to launch our campaign. Additionally, with the generous support of the Erion Family Foundation and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, CMNC completed a rigorous identification process and hired Oz Architecture to design the museum. Oz has contributed to several notable museum projects along the Front Range.
- **Campaign Leadership:** Our board is working to establish the necessary leadership and infrastructure for our capital campaign to be successful. Our campaign cabinet will be composed of museum supporters enthusiastic about the vision.



Along with these actions, we also took the significant step of hiring our first employee. We are pleased to announce **Kathi Wright** has come onboard as CMNC's Development Director on a part-time basis. Kathi is the former executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County, a current Loveland City Council member, and was a founding member of CMNC's board. Kathi's enthusiasm for children is infectious!

The Children's Museum of Northern Colorado project can be summed up in just two words: **Childhood Matters**. We are appreciative of supporters like you who share our vision.

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