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RE: Children's Museum of the Magic Valley

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley.

The Children's Museum of the Magic Valley will engage children and families in opportunities for experiential education. The mission statement, "to engage children of all ages and abilities in learning through imaginative play and discovery," responds to a need in South Central Idaho by providing interactive exhibits that connect kids and parents to play, to explore, and to discover in a place unlike any other in South Central Idaho. In this age of electronic entertainment and interaction, family experiential learning is more important than ever. We know that while broad access to information and entertainment, even educational programs on electronic devices, is readily available and provides a valuable resource, family relationships and shared experiences are at the heart of learning. The Children's Museum of the Magic Valley will provide the venue and opportunities for this.

In terms of connections beyond children and their families, the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley will provide educational programming at the College of Southern Idaho by providing volunteer experiences for students across the college engaged in service learning and particularly for those studying in STEM fields, Early Childhood Education, and Teacher Education.

Cordially,



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