



CONTACT:
Marion Wiener, 602.648.2746 (direct)
602.253.0501 (main)
602.758.4215 (cell)
mwiener@childmusephx.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Board of Directors

Chair

Rick McCartney

Immediate Past Chair

Sam Perry

Vice-Chair

Susan M. Wissink

Treasurer

Katherine Cecala

Secretary

Meghan H. Grabel

Jennifer L. Adams

David Bodney

Michele Davis

Donna Egan

Ruben Gallego

Lisa Handley

Becky Lieberman

Eric Meyer

Scott L. Mitchell

Judy Neuman

Katherine M. Scardello

Ken Schacherbauer

Eileen Sullivan

Trustees Emeritus

Sarah Bodney

Terry Hanson

Sally Hurwitz

Derrick Johnson

Hildy Saizow

Gayle Starr

Josie Young

President/CEO

Deborah J. Gilpin

**CITY OF PHOENIX AND PHOENIX OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE
BRING PUBLIC ART PROJECT TO
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX**

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL JOHNSON LEADS DEDICATION
SCHEDULED FOR FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 6TH**

PHOENIX, AZ (April 5, 2012) – The Children's Museum of Phoenix, along with the City of Phoenix and Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture will celebrate the new public art installation at the Museum, this First Friday Night, April 6th at 4:30pm.

The public art installation is the beautiful artist-inspired fence and gates facing the Museum, along 7th Street and Monroe. Called "*Pathways, 2012*", the public art was commissioned by the Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture Public Art Program. The project was funded through City of Phoenix Water and Cultural Facilities Capital Programs. The fence and gates were designed by Nicomia LLC Artists Mike Osborne and Tane Clark, with fabrication by E 2 Innovations, Inc..

The dedication ceremony will begin at 4:30pm. Speakers will include:

- Vice Mayor Michael Johnson
- Susan L. Shaffer Nahmias, Ph.D., Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission
- Ginger Spencer, Acting Arts & Culture Administrator
- Deb Gilpin, President & CEO of the Children's Museum of Phoenix

Target Free First Friday Night at the Museum provides free Museum access to the general public from 5pm to 9pm on the first Friday of each month. The Museum has welcomed a total of over 65,000 people to their Target Free First Friday Night event since it began in 2009.

###

The Children's Museum of Phoenix is located in the historic Monroe School Building at 215 N. 7th Street in downtown Phoenix. The Museum opened to the public on June 14, 2008 and offers 45,000 square feet of hands-on, fun and educational activities for children ages birth to 10. The mission of the Museum is to engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9am to 4pm. Admission is \$11 per person, children under the age of 1 are free.

AzTAP Department of Services for Persons with Disabilities conducted an accessibility evaluation in August 2008 and summarized, "the Children's Museum of Phoenix is the most exceptionally disability-aware arts institution this evaluator has ever surveyed."