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Barness family donates \$1 million

More than 200 community members joined Mayor Phil Gordon, Jerry Colangelo, and new Suns owner Robert Sarver in the front yard of the historic Monroe School in downtown Phoenix to officially break ground on renovations of the future home of the Children's Museum of Phoenix. At the event, Paradise Valley residents **Daron and Ron Barness** announced a \$1 million gift to The Children's Museum.

The groundbreaking, held April 8, was attended by community leaders, museum volunteers and supporters, and children and families from the surrounding neighborhoods. Mayor Phil Gordon opened the celebration, and was followed by Museum Capital Campaign Co-chair Robert Sarver. Mr. Sarver introduced Mr. and Mrs. Barness, who spoke about support of the Museum, and announced the gift of \$1 million. Jerry Colangelo, who has been an active supporter of the Children's Museum and serves as co-chair of the Capital Campaign finished up the program talking about the importance of investing in the children of the community.

Museum leaders and the many children at the event broke



Photo submitted to the Paradise Valley Independent

The Barness family, of Paradise Valley, recently donated \$1 million towards the Children's Museum's \$12.3 million capital campaign. Pictured from left are: Dr. Louis Yuster, Emanuel Tuchin, Daron Barness, Ron Barness, Shana Yuster and Jordana Barness.

ground by digging into a 30,000 pound pile of rainbow-colored fish gravel, glitter and sand.

The \$1 million donation from the Barness Family will be donated to the Children's Museum's

\$12.3 million capital campaign.

For more information, visit www.barnessfoundation.com.