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Children's Museum Names Director of Operations

PHOENIX, AZ (December 6, 2006) – The Children's Museum of Phoenix (CMoP) announced today the appointment of Lynn Walsh as Director of Operations. The appointment is another step for CMoP in its efforts to expand its leadership team in preparation for the Museum's opening in late 2007.

Ms. Walsh has both an MBA and a BA (in Elementary Education) from Arizona State University. She has been with the Museum since 2000 beginning as a volunteer and then joining the organization's staff as Systems & Special Events Manager, a post she has held for the past three years. Prior to joining CMoP, she was with Mayo Clinic Scottsdale where she coordinated a 1.5 billion dollar billing project, and Cold Stone Creamery where, as Area Manager, she oversaw the management of over ten stores in Phoenix, Tucson and the Sierra Vista area, while managing the corporate store in Scottsdale. She was also instrumental in opening five Cold Stone Creamery's nationwide.

The Director of Operations reports directly to CMoP's President/CEO and holds a primary leadership position in the organization. In her new position, Ms. Walsh will be responsible for the overall operations of the facility, including leading the development and implementation of the strategic, logistic and resource planning necessary to open a well-functioning, effective, and inspirational museum.

On making the announcement, Deborah Gilpin, President/CEO of CMoP said, "We have been very fortunate to have had Lynn with us these past six years. Her drive, passion and knowledge have proven invaluable to us. This appointment is a testament to her skills and professionalism as she takes on the challenging tasks associated with this position."

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The Children's Museum of Phoenix is a 501(c) (3) non-profit dedicated to opening a children's museum that will engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the adults who care about them. The museum will focus on learning through play, with emphasis on early childhood education and school-readiness.

CMoP will be housed in what is now the historic Monroe School at 7th Street and Van Buren in downtown Phoenix. Groundbreaking on the site was held in April of this year marking the beginning of the building's restoration and renovation. For more information about the Children's Museum visit www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.