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Supporting the Arts:
**Children's Museum Receives \$1 Million Grant
From Piper Trust**

PHOENIX, AZ (February 26, 2007) – The Children's Museum of Phoenix has received a \$1 million grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, it was announced today by the Museum's President & CEO, Deborah Gilpin.

“This is a tremendous boost for the Museum's *Childhood Dreams Built By You* Capital Campaign,” said Deb Gilpin. “This grant brings us to 50% of our campaign goal of \$12.3 million and allows us to begin the construction work on the Monroe School that will make it the wonder filled museum we envision. The Piper Trust understands the importance of early childhood development and we are deeply grateful for their support, enthusiasm and confidence in this project.”

Since their April, 2006 groundbreaking event, marking the Museum's expansive restoration and renovation process, the changes made to the Monroe School building have been mostly cosmetic. **The \$1 million grant allows the Museum to commence with the heavy construction needed to transform the massive space into a Children's Museum, including the demolition of two floors to create a three story high atrium space which will serve as the Museum's entrance.**

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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. For more information about the Children's Museum visit www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.