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Supporting the Arts:

Children's Museum Receives \$250,000 Grant from Foundation

PHOENIX – The Children's Museum of Phoenix's \$12.3 million capital campaign received a push forward recently with a grant of \$250,000 from the **Bruce T. Halle Family Foundation**.

"We're incredibly grateful for this wonderful show of support," remarked the Museum's President and CEO **Deb Gilpin**. "This gift comes at the perfect time — just when construction has started."

Diane Halle, President of the Foundation, grew up in Chicago where she regularly visited museums as a child. "The children of Phoenix will benefit greatly from the many educational exhibits that will be featured at this wonderful new museum. It is important to their future and ours."

In recognition of such a generous gift the "10,000 Blocks" exhibit will be named on behalf of the **Foundation**. The exhibit is one of dozens that will engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children when the former Monroe School is renovated and opened in late 2007.

More than 300,000 visitors are projected to enjoy this exhibit during the museum's first year alone!

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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.