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Children's Museum of Denver Announces New President

Mike Yankovich to take the helm

Denver, Co - After an extensive nationwide search, the Children's Museum of Denver's board of directors and key community advisors have appointed a new organizational president and CEO. Mike Yankovich, current Museum chief operating officer and interim president, will transition into the role immediately.

A leader in the museum field for nearly 15 years, Yankovich is a long-time advocate for innovative approaches to early childhood education and experience-based learning. He has been with the Children's Museum of Denver since 2003, serving in a number of capacities including director of education, vice president of guest experience and chief operating officer. Yankovich currently serves on the board of directors for Qualistar Early Learning and the board of advisors for the Denver Preschool Program.

"The board was unanimous in the decision to choose Mike Yankovich as the new President," said Deborah Wapensky, chair of the Museum's board of directors. "With his visionary and passionate approach to early childhood education, Mike is well prepared to usher the Children's Museum of Denver into a new decade of growth and creativity."

During his tenure at the Children's Museum of Denver, Yankovich has focused on developing high-quality, interactive exhibits and educational programs, and has helped position the Museum as the leading informal learning institution for young children in the Front Range. Yankovich has also benefitted from additional on-the-job experience as he and his wife, Jennifer, have enjoyed playing and learning with their two-year-old daughter, Holly.

"I could not be more excited for this opportunity," says Yankovich. "With the new Bubbles exhibit just opening, the Museum serving more families than ever before and our talented, dedicated staff continuing to provide one-of-a-kind educational experiences, the Museum is just getting better and better. And I am so proud to be part of this organization."

About the Children's Museum of Denver

Since its inception in 1973, the Children's Museum of Denver has been a place that ignites and fosters a great love of learning. Its mission is to create a community where children and their grownups learn through play.

The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment to help young children prepare for their future. The Children's Museum of Denver is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that relies heavily on community support.

The Children's Museum of Denver is located at I-25 and 23rd Avenue (exit 211), in the Platte River Valley. For more details about the Museum, and its programs and events please visit www.mychildsmuseum.org.

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