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Introducing New Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

The Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus' Board of Directors welcomes two new members and appoints new Chair for the year ahead

DENVER, March 10, 2020 – The Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus, a nationally recognized 501(c)(3), private non-profit organization on a mission to create extraordinary experiences that champion the wonder and joy of childhood, recently announced two new members and the appointment of Elaine Weng, MD as chair to its board of directors.

Dr. Elaine Weng will serve as chair to the board of directors following more than seven years as a member of the board. Dr. Weng is a board certified radiation oncologist and has practiced with **Medical Radiation Oncology Consultants** since 2010. Outside of her practice, Dr. Weng is active in supporting numerous medical and community outreach programs. She has served on the operations board of the Bonfils Blood Center, the Stanford Colorado leadership committee for Alumni Interviewing, Stanford Special Gifts Committee, the Breakthrough Kent Denver organization and currently serves on the board of the Breakthrough National Collaborative. She balances her practice with a busy family schedule of skiing, hiking and biking in Colorado, as well as travel.

"We are thrilled to welcome Elaine as our board chair," said Mike Yankovich, president and CEO of the Children's Museum. "Her prior leadership on the Board and ongoing support makes her the ideal candidate to move the Museum's mission forward, and we are excited to have her in this leadership role."

New members, Ryan Beiser and Craig Hodges, officially joined the board on Jan. 1, 2020.

Ryan Beiser is regional president and head of Corporate Banking for **PNC Bank** in Denver, where he is responsible for all aspects of the bank's growth across Colorado. As regional president, Beiser's office also implements all local sponsorship and philanthropic efforts to execute PNC's community-based goals and initiatives, including PNC Grow Up Great®, a \$500 million bilingual early childhood education initiative. Beiser was recently appointed by Governor Jared Polis to serve on the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC). In addition to the ECLC, he serves on the board of Mile High United Way, Major Gifts Council for Early Childhood Education of the Mile High United Way, the board of advisors for the University of Colorado Denver Business School and is a member of YPO Colorado. Beiser and his wife live in Denver with their three children.

Craig Hodges is vice president, Corporate Affairs & Communications at **VF Corporation** where he is responsible for all aspects of communication that help promote and protect VF's reputation externally, and align the company's 50,000 employees worldwide to business strategies. Hodges moved to Denver last May as part of VF's relocation from Greensboro, North Carolina. There he served on the board of directors for the Greensboro Children's Museum and several other local nonprofit organizations committed to early childhood education and the importance of play. Hodges and his wife are happily

acclimating to their new home in Colorado. They live in Denver with their 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.

“We are also excited to welcome Ryan and Craig to the board in 2020,” said Yankovich. “Their professional commitment to early childhood education and outdoor play through their roles at PNC Bank and VF Corporation is matched by their personal commitment and expertise as fathers to their own children.”

The 2020 board slate also includes 16 returning members, including Jessica Black Livingston, Jeff Calderone, Anthony Epps, Marisa Hollingsworth, Sarah Kozlowski, Jennifer Landrum, Fayoké Longe, Kynnie Martin, Matt Most, Vatsala Pathy, Cynthia Pesantez, Stella Peterson, Judy Pottle, Emily Sturm, Betsy Wagner and Lisa Wynn.

About the Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus

The mission of the Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus is to create extraordinary experiences that champion the wonder and joy of childhood. They believe in kid-powered learning and every day, their expertly designed exhibits and programs open doors for Colorado's curious young minds to express what they know and to discover, create and explore more - on their own terms.

Since 1973, the Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus has served the Denver metro community as a learning institute dedicated to the education and growth of young children and their caregivers. The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment for children to joyously learn through innovative and interactive hands-on exhibits, engaging daily programming and year-round special events. Last year, they served 611,000 children and their grown-ups.

The Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus is a 501(c)(3), private non-profit organization, and a Tier II SCFD member.

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