

## News Release

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### **INSIDE OUT: A Partnership in Learning Journeys Middle School Students Design and Build Exhibit on Human Body**

**Jackson, WY** – Who says middle schoolers are too old for the Children's Museum? On January 31st, the Jackson Hole Children's Museum was bustling with “big” kids – on the climber, in the airplane, and playing with the magnet wall. They were taking a break from building our newest exhibit “Inside Out: Discovering the Human Body.”

Since December, 45 6th through 8th grade Journeys School students have been working diligently in both science and art class to create a human body-themed exhibit for the Jackson Hole Children's Museum. Each student chose a body system of interest to research. The center of the exhibit is a life size art piece in which individual students contributed different sections of the body or key organs, with the goal of teaching patrons through their art and educational signage.

Kelly Samuels, Science Teacher at Journeys School, said, “We are excited to partner with the Children's Museum on this project because it provides Journeys School students an opportunity

to create content for an authentic audience, and allows them to contribute meaningfully to their community.”

The exhibit also features large working models of the lungs, a spine that lights up to signal nerve stimulation, a game about how your body fights the flu, and a five chapter children's book about human body systems.

“This has been an extraordinary partnership in comprehensive education, and we are thrilled to share it,” said Jean Lewis, Executive Director of the Jackson Hole Children’s Museum. “This project is curricularly relevant to what they are learning in the classroom, and allows students to showcase their creativity and innovation.”

An official opening will be held at the Jackson Hole Children’s Museum at 174 N. King St. on Sunday, February 11 from 11 AM - 12 PM. Middle School “ambassadors” will be present to share the new exhibit and answer questions. We will also have health-themed activities on Sunday and throughout the rest of February.

Special thanks to Teton Orthopaedics for sponsoring the exhibit. Thanks also to Kelly Samuels, Journeys Middle School Science Teacher and Heidi Kohler, Journeys Art Teacher, for spearheading the project; and Frances Ritchie, JHCM Exhibits Coordinator, for facilitating this partnership.

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### **About Jackson Hole Children’s Museum**

*Play. Create. Explore. Discover.* At the Jackson Hole Children's Museum, we encourage families to examine the world together through interactive, hands-on exhibits and educational programs in the arts, sciences, literature, and history. Our goal is to help children and grown-ups of all ages build a love of learning through collaborative play and creative problem-solving in a nurturing environment.