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JACKSON HOLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD PRESIDENT *Bill Van Gelder Replaces Jenn Dawes, Permanent Location Search Continues*

Jackson, WY – Jackson Hole Children's Museum (JHCM) today officially announced that Bill Van Gelder will be assuming the role of Board President. Bill will be replacing Jenn Dawes, the outgoing President, and will help guide the Museum as the organization continues to explore options for a permanent location.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors and JHCM family, I would like to thank Jenn for her service to the museum, we are immensely grateful.” said Van Gelder. Dawes will continue to be involved in the Museum as a full Board Member. Also at the October Board Meeting, long time Board Members Jessica Jaubert was elected Vice President/Strategic Committee Chair, Katie Burke was elected as Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair, and Honora Kerr was elected Secretary.

Incoming President Bill Van Gelder moved to Jackson in 2000 and has been practicing real estate for the last two decades. His professional expertise will be of particular use to the Museum as the organization intensifies its search for a permanent home. JHCM has been looking for a long-term facility since 2019 when its original location on King Street was redeveloped. “Bill joined the Board a little over one year ago and has distinguished himself as a savvy business leader who has brought his professional skills and success to bear on the museum board. His analytical and thoughtful approach to leadership will serve the museum well” said Ethan Lobdell, JHCM Executive Director.

Bill, his wife Julie, and their two children were visitors to and supporters of the museum before Bill joined the Board in 2019. “The Jackson Hole Children's Museum is fortunate to have a strong framework of families that believe deeply in the vision of the organization to create a community that embraces children as curious, collaborative, and innovative individuals,” said Lobdell.

Individuals interested in serving on the Board of Jackson Hole Children's Museum are encouraged to contact JHCM Executive Director Ethan Lobdell.

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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.