

News Release



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JACKSON HOLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF PLAY *Nonprofit to give away free visits to families and workers in the community*

Jackson, WY – Jackson Hole Children's Museum (JHCM) will turn 10 years old in November, and invites the community to celebrate through a number of community initiatives being offered over the coming months. Dedicated to providing families with a safe, supportive space for play, creation, exploration, and discovery, JHCM is kicking off their birthday celebration by offering community members free family visits to the Museum through a partnership with St. John's Health Foundation and a national initiative to measure the social impact of museums across the nation.

Along with dozens of handmade cards crafted by local families, over 800 free family visits were donated to the staff at St. John's Health. Each card was decorated and filled with messages of hope and gratitude for the first responders, medical staff, and support staff who have served our community during the pandemic. The free visits, valued at over \$32,000 in total, were generously provided by the Children's Museum's Leadership Circle, a group of donors and supporters who value family bonding and healthy childhood development initiatives.

In addition, JHCM has partnered with a national initiative to offer 100 families three free visits to the Museum between now and May 2022. Families interested in receiving these free visits must agree to participate in a survey to measure the social impact of museums. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and simple Chinese. For more information about the survey or how to apply, please visit www.jhchildrensmuseum.org.

More opportunities to celebrate the Children's Museum's 10 year anniversary are currently being planned around current public health guidance and will be announced as community safety allows. According to JHCM's Executive Director Ethan Lobdell, "We are so proud of where the Museum has come over the past 10 years. Thanks to the vision of KJ & Craig Morris and so many community members, the museum has provided a place for children and families to explore their curiosity and to discover joy through play. We are excited to start another decade of service to Jackson residents and visitors."

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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.