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## Endorsements

“The Children’s Museum will be a tremendous asset to the Dover downtown area, but of equal importance is the added value it brings to the state of New Hampshire and to the region as a whole.”

*Scott Myers, Mayor of Dover*

“Facing the same limitations as other nonprofit organizations across the state, the Children’s Museum consistently and thoughtfully reaches beyond lip-service toward diversity and inclusiveness through facility renovations and planning, outreach to communities and individuals, and careful program development.”

*Editorial, The Portsmouth Herald*

“The Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space (EOS) at the University of New Hampshire enthusiastically supports the Children’s Museum’s mission to engage young people in the sciences. It is well recognized that the earlier we excite and interest children in science, the more likely they will pursue additional educational opportunities in math, science and technology. The Children’s Museum provides just such a foundation for students to enjoy their early experiences with scientific subjects.”

*David S. Bartlett, Associate Director, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space, UNH*

“*Museum To You*, a free outreach program of the Children’s Museum of Portsmouth, is the only statewide art, sciences and world cultures outreach initiative of its kind. The State of New Hampshire is fortunate to have such an organization in the community.”

*New Hampshire Governor John Lynch*

“Our students returned to school with lots to talk about of their experience. For some of the children it really enhanced their writing skills. Our English Language Learners really enjoyed the cultural orientation of the exhibits. Science topics came alive to them.

*Linda R. Heath, Principal, Henry Wilson School, Manchester, NH*

“We are looking forward to partnering with the Children’s Museum to enhance our curriculum and create out-of-the-classroom learning opportunities with our children. The museum’s plans call for the development of units on the natural wonders associated with the waterways of Dover and the history of the industrial contribution to the surrounding communities. Both of these exploratory units support our current elementary science and social studies programs.”

*John O’Connor, Ed.D., Superintendent, The Dover Public Schools*

“The development of Dover’s riverfront and the commitment by an institution like the Children’s Museum provide even greater opportunity to attract a larger number of visitors to the downtown area and generate more tourism and related revenue.”

*Alice DeSouza, Director of Tourism, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development*

“The Children’s Museum of Portsmouth’s *Museum To You* project is a vivid illustration of an initiative that fosters strategies for continued success in an ever-changing world. During this challenging time for nonprofits, it is exciting that children’s museums like yours continue to be truly outstanding and innovative institutions, acting as catalysts for adaptation and learning in communities around the country.”

*Janet Rice Elman, Executive Director, Association of Children’s Museums*