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San Diego Children's Discovery Museum welcomes six new board members

Escondido, CA - San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is thrilled to announce six individuals are joining the Museum's esteemed Board of Directors. These individuals herald from a wide variety of industries and bring a tremendous set of talents to prime the Museum for its next stage of growth.

New members include Debra Roy, Senior Engineering Architect at General Atomics; Valerie Attisha, Vice President of Client and Community Relations at PNC; Hem Suri, Founder and Managing Partner at Spark Growth Ventures; Alessandra Lezama, CEO of TOOTRiS; Amanda Flisher, Certified Leadership Coach, and Robin Keith, CEO of EcoLeaders.

"When it comes to our Board, we are looking for innovative, forward-thinking, high-achieving individuals who are going to proactively lean in, roll their sleeves up, and provide both critical overview and brilliant thought leadership to our mission and vision," said Krishna Kabra, Executive Director of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum. "To grow and extend impact, an organization needs a strong foundation and participative leadership. Our Board members are advocates and ambassadors for the Museum, inspired leaders in their respective fields, have an appetite and appreciation for innovation, and can think critically about the future trajectory of the Museum. We are incredibly fortunate to have these extraordinary leaders join our existing Board. We look forward to our diversified Board playing a critical role in helping us authentically prioritize, support, and invest in diversity, inclusion, and equity — both within our organization and within the world of informal education."

"This incoming cohort of Board members is primed to keep SDCDM on the path of a sustainable future. They bring diverse professional and life experiences that mesh beautifully with the Museum's mission and vision. I enthusiastically anticipate many productive and harmonious-debate-filled meetings as they share their perspectives and guidance," added Kim Dunham Bergsma, Board Chair of the Museum's Board of Directors.

The new Board members are joining at an inspiring time as the Museum navigates out of the pandemic and finalizes its comprehensive strategic planning process to implement and operationalize a new mission and vision. With a more developed and diversified board, the Museum will have the resources to extend its reach of informal childhood education throughout the broader San Diego community, critically advocating for accessible education and providing a lasting impact for all children and families.

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About San Diego Children's Discovery Museum

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's mission is to inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation. Its vision is to be a model community children's museum providing access to authentic, hands-on learning experiences to develop the whole child, lifelong learners, and global citizens. The Museum's educational exhibits and programs focus on science, art, and world cultures for children up to age 10. The Museum is affiliated with the Association of Children's Museums and the San Diego Museum Council. To learn more about the Museum, visit sdcdm.org.