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**AKRON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ANNOUNCES FINAL PHASE OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN;  
BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON EXPANSION**

Akron, OH. June 8, 2022 – The Akron Children's Museum will hold a press conference to announce the final phase of its Power of Play Capital Campaign, which will fund construction of the Museum's 3,000 square foot expansion at the City of Akron's Lock 3 Park, bringing the total museum space to 13,000 square feet. The museum will offer new spaces such as a sensory room, a private party room, a redesigned makerspace, and new STEM education experiences for children, youth, and their families.

The event begins at 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

This capital campaign has already raised half-a-million dollars in gifts and pledges from individuals, corporations, and foundations despite having to pause the campaign during the pandemic. Community members are invited to participate in completing phase two of the Museum's campaign by helping to raise the final \$150,000.

Mayor Dan Horrigan will speak about the importance of children's museums, followed by a tour of the construction site where the first wall will be knocked out by children at play in the museum. Attendees will be invited to sign a construction piece to memorialize the occasion.

"The Akron Children's Museum has become a destination for schools having essential learning experiences, families hosting birthday parties, and summer campers looking for informal learning opportunities in a bright and safe environment. The museum has grown to be recognized as a place to inspire our next generation to pursue creativity, the arts, STEM education, and more. It's thanks to dedicated community leaders such as Honorary Chairman Dave Lieberth and Chairwoman Christine Yuhasz that we are approaching the finish line to the campaign " said Executive Director, Traci Buckner.

President of the Board of Directors Bill Lowery said, “We are inviting the community to help us cross the finish line so we can fill the newly expanded space with all of the elements and exhibits to complete the final phase of the expansion project by 2023; there are many exciting giving opportunities available at all levels of participation which can be found by visiting [akronkids.org/support/capital-campaign](https://akronkids.org/support/capital-campaign).”

### About the Akron Children’s Museum

Founded by a group of young parents, the Akron Children’s Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to being a gathering place for children and families, where play inspires exploration, discovery, and problem solving. ACM envisions a community shaped by lifelong learners, inspired by creativity, who provide innovative leadership and diverse perspectives.

For more information about Akron Children’s Museum, visit: <https://www.akronkids.org>

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