

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Children's Museum of the Lowcountry Announces New Satellite Location in Historic Rosenwald School

*Funding from The Boeing Company Enables Unique Adaptive Re-Use of Historic School for
Children's Museum Expansion*

St. George, SC - October 5, 2023 - The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry (CML) is delighted to announce a significant milestone in its mission to develop children's creative problem-solving skills with engaging educational experiences throughout the Lowcountry. With generous funding support from The Boeing Company and other local philanthropists, CML is embarking on a project that will transform four former classrooms in the historic Rosenwald School in St. George, South Carolina, into its first satellite location.

Karen Coltrane, CML's president and CEO, noted the pioneering project marks the nation's first adaptive re-use of a Rosenwald School as a children's museum satellite. "Thanks to our Board of Director's vision and invaluable partnerships with The Boeing Company, local philanthropists, and our community collaborators, we will preserve this historic building's educational legacy for future generations."

The approximately 2,500 square-foot space within the Rosenwald School will feature four distinct galleries designed to engage and inspire young minds:

Tinker Lab: Equipped with tools and hands-on exhibits, this space will encourage children to engage in scientific methods, explore engineering concepts, and spark their curiosity.

Grocery Store: Children can explore the world of commerce and nutrition as they shop and play in a child-sized grocery store, fostering essential academic and life skills.

Visual and Performing Arts: Encouraging creativity and self-expression, this gallery will invite children to participate in visual and performing arts through interactive exhibits.

Classroom Space: A dedicated area for educational field trip programs and workshops.

CML's expansion into the historic Rosenwald School in St. George marks a significant step in bringing developmentally appropriate and engaging learning experiences to rural areas of the Lowcountry. The satellite location is set to open its doors in the spring of 2024, extending the museum's reach beyond the region's more densely populated centers.

Alexis Carrico, Chair of CML's Board of Directors, expressed the Board's excitement: "We are thrilled to bring the elements families enjoy in downtown Charleston to families in rural areas of the Lowcountry. This satellite location embodies our commitment to making innovative, play-based, educational opportunities accessible to all young children throughout the region."

The Boeing Company, a dedicated supporter of workforce development and education, recognizes the importance of reaching children early to build the workforce development pipeline. Boeing has provided funding for several aspects of CML's current programming including the Boeing Bright Lab at the museum's downtown location, which offers a unique hands-on maker space for all ages. The company has also supported the Pop-Up Tinker Shop mobile STEM Lab and STEM kits to expand the museum's outreach beyond Charleston County.

"Investing in initiatives like the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry's satellite location aligns with our commitment to inspiring and educating future generations. This innovative project will not only benefit children and families but also contribute to the development of a skilled and diverse workforce," said Lindsay Leonard, senior director of Government Operations at Boeing.

CML invites the community and media to follow the progress of this exciting project as they work toward opening their satellite location in St. George, South Carolina, in the spring of 2024. For more information about CML and its initiatives, please visit www.exploreCML.org.

About the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry:

The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry (CML) is dedicated to inspiring young minds through interactive, hands-on exhibits, programs, and events. Located in Charleston, South Carolina, CML is committed to providing a safe, engaging, and educational environment for children and families throughout the Lowcountry region.

Media Contact:

Karen Coltrane
President & CEO

Karen.coltrane@explorecml.org

804-475-9600

