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Wonderscope Announces Access Program for Low-Income Families
Museums for All to expand reach, accessibility and impact

(SHAWNEE, KAN) July 2, 2018 – Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City announces that it has joined *Museums for All*, a signature access program of the Association of Children's Museums (ACM) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to encourage families of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits. Wonderscope is the first museum in Kansas City to offer this program and only one of three museums in the Kansas/Missouri bi-state region.

Museums for All enables low-income families to visit Wonderscope for a minimal fee of \$3 per person with the presentation of an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Families can also visit any participating museum year-round for a minimal fee.

"*Museums for All* is part of Wonderscope's broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all families no matter their ability to pay admission," said Roxane Hill, Wonderscope Executive Director. "The program complements our mission to spark a lifelong love of learning through play for *all* children."

The *Museums for All* initiative represents a long stride toward the goal of reaching more children and parents, especially those living in poverty, with the valuable learning resources of museums. Children's museums, with their unique focus on bringing children, families and communities together, are committed to providing access to all. Each year, children's museums host more than 31 million visitors. The *Museums for All* initiative will allow children's museums, like Wonderscope, to further expand their reach and impact.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About Association of Children's Museums (ACM)

In an increasingly complex world, children's museums provide a place where all kids can learn through play and exploration with the caring adults in their lives. There are approximately 400 children's museums around the world, which annually reach more than thirty-one million visitors.

ACM provides leadership, professional development, advocacy and resources for its member organizations and individuals. To learn more about ACM and to find an ACM-member children's museum near you, visit www.ChildrensMuseums.org

About Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City

Founded in 1989, Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City provides fun, dynamic and hands-on exhibits and programs that integrate the arts, sciences, literature and music for children 8 years of age and younger, their parents and educators from across the metropolitan area. Its mission is to spark a lifelong love of learning through the power of play. To learn more, visit www.wonderscope.org, like at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or follow on [Twitter](#).

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