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## WONDERSCOPE REACHES 40 PERCENT OF FINANCIAL GOAL FOR NEW BUILDING SIX MONTHS INTO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SHAWNEE, KAN. Aug. 30, 2017 – With less than two years before moving to its new building at the Red Bridge Shopping Center, Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City has already achieved 40 percent of its \$12 million capital campaign goal announced in February of this year. This includes two major pledges received from The Regnier Family Foundation and The Sunderland Foundation.

These pledges, in addition to other monies already received since the capital campaign began, will aid in the development of Wonderscope's new, larger building that will allow it to expand programming and update exhibits and make the museum Kansas City's premier destination to Learn, Play and Grow.

"We are extremely grateful to The Regnier Family Foundation and The Sunderland Foundation for their generous support as well as all donors who have contributed to the capital campaign," Roxane Hill, executive director of Wonderscope, said. "Without such strong community involvement, Wonderscope would not be able to achieve its mission of sparking a lifelong love of learning through the power of play."

Current plans are to break ground for the building some time in early 2018 with a targeted move-in date for mid-2019.

The museum's new home will feature leading-edge exhibits housed in interactive spaces and a more fluid floor plan. The focus will continue to be on dynamic programming and inclusive displays of STEAM experiences – science, technology, engineering, art and math.

The centralized location of the new Wonderscope will provide greater visibility and accessibility enabling more participation by schools, families and children including lower-income communities.

## 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 10 years of age and younger, their parents and teachers from across the metropolitan area. Its mission is to spark a lifelong love of learning through the power of play. To learn more, visit <u>www.wonderscope.org</u>, like at <u>Facebook</u> or follow on <u>Twitter</u>.

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