

# OUR MISSION

At Wonderscope we believe in the power of play, we strive to create an environment that is inclusive, equitable and diverse where everyone is welcome.

### MISSION:

To spark a lifelong love of learning through the universal and uniting power of play!

### VISION:

Wonderscope is appreciated as an educational resource in our community that provides all children and families with the opportunity to build a solid foundation for success in school and beyond.

### VALUES:

Wonderscope is committed to serving and honoring people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, gender identities, sexual orientations and physical abilities in a safe, educational environment that reflects the diversity of our community.



### A NOTE FROM ROXANE



This past year was one that I think we would all like to forget! It was challenging; and that's an understatement. For many of us, we learned there were many things we could do at home: work, bake sourdough bread, teach, and work out.

For all of us at Wonderscope, we knew 2020 was going to be our last year in Shawnee; we would undertake a big move, and open our new museum in South Kansas City. What we didn't know was that our planned, big farewell would

not happen, our move would be somewhat complicated, and our grand opening, well, wouldn't be so grand.

But, in mid-September, we loaded up trucks and made the trek across the state line to Red Bridge Shopping Center, our new home.

On October 23, we opened our doors and welcomed back members and guests to the new Wonderscope. We were so happy to hear the sounds of joy, laughter, and fun! We were excited to show off the new museum, the amazing exhibits and introduce new and innovative programs.

As we now look back at 2020, we smile and celebrate the new Wonderscope. We honor and thank all our donors, particularly the Regnier family, and we thank all of you who believed, supported, and helped us realize our vision.

It's only going to get better from here!!

Roxane Hill, *Executive Director* 

### WE SAID GOODBYE AND THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

January and February 2020 started off like most at Wonderscope Children's Museum. Families were coming in from the cold to spend a few hours playing in the exhibits that had occupied the 1950s school in Shawnee, Kansas, since 1998. Wonderscope's long hallway was decorated with a whimsical winter wonderland theme. The exhibits were buzzing with joyful play. The program room was filled with song, dance, art, and stories.

By the end of March, Wonderscope – and the world around us – drastically changed. In the interest of public health and safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Wonderscope closed its doors.

After closing to the public, Wonderscope continued to do everything possible to uphold the museum's mission and provide enriching Wonderscope experiences for children and their families, including the following:

- Virtual daily programs on social media
- Virtual Mr. Stinky Feet concert
- Virtual trivia night for families
- Free craft kits for curbside pickup
- Private museum rental times for individual families

Wonderscope even tried reopening with extremely tight restrictions. Ultimately, the Wonderscope board and staff determined that the best way to serve Wonderscope members and friends, and the Kansas City community at large, was for the museum to focus its time and resources on bringing to fruition something amazing for the future: The NEW Wonderscope!

### WE SET OUR SIGHTS ON THE FUTURE

Construction of the new Wonderscope, at 443 East Red Bridge Road in Kansas City, Missouri, had been underway and continued moving at a steady pace.

Wonderscope kept everyone looped in on the construction excitement with time-lapse videos on the museum's website and social media channels. Media and donors were treated to hard hat tours of the museum.

The name of the new Wonderscope – The Regnier Family Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City – was announced, recognizing the family who has generously supported the museum for decades.

## WE SAID HELLO AND WELCOME

### GRAND OPENING: OCTOBER 23, 2020!

With COVID-19 cases waning, The Regnier Family Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City, opened with limited hours and capacity, ticketed entry for all families, mask and social distancing mandates, and thorough cleaning and sanitation procedures.

Reassured by the protection measures put in place, families flocked to experience the new Wonderscope!

The Regnier Family Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City is the region's only fully accessible, nonprofit children's museum dedicated to providing STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math – educational experiences for young children and their families.

Wonderscope features 30,000 square feet of indoor exploration and 1/2 acre of year-round outdoor adventure, all with a unique Kansas City theme. The museum is easily accessible via public transportation and major roadways.

### EXHIBITS:

- Crossroads of Past and Future
- WonderMart
- KC Café
- On the Move!
- Wonder Climber
- WaterWorks
- Kid City/Tot Spot
- Creation Station: Design Lab and Art Studio
- Naturescape







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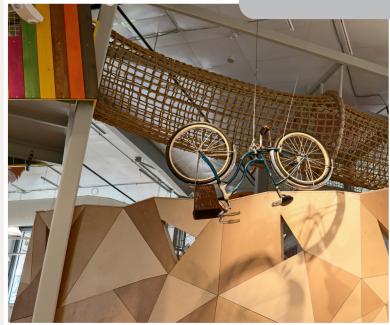
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