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Minnesota Children's Museum Names Dianne Krizan President

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Minnesota Children's Museum today announced that Dianne Krizan will become its new president, effective April 28, 2010. Krizan joins the Museum with more than 20 years of experience in business and non-profit sectors. Most recently, she served as managing director of development at Minnesota Public Radio.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dianne to Minnesota Children's Museum. She brings extensive experience in corporate and nonprofit leadership, and exceptional strategic planning and management skills,” said Bill Schmoker, chair of Minnesota Children's Museum board of directors. “Moreover, Dianne's fundraising record has earned her industry-wide respect. She was the board's unanimous choice to steward the Museum toward a vital, successful future.”

Krizan's past experience includes leading fundraising efforts as managing director of development at Minnesota Public Radio and its affiliates, and director of fund development at Minneapolis-based Way to Grow. She also has extensive experience in the business arena, having spent more than 14 years at General Mills in a variety of leadership roles including: director of research and development, and director of innovation. Krizan is an active member of the Twin Cities community. Organizations where she has been involved include the Citizen's League, United Way and Community Child Care Center. She currently serves as the board chair of Nova Classical Academy.

Said Krizan, “It's an exciting time at Minnesota Children's Museum. I am honored by the board's confidence, and energized by this opportunity. I look forward to leading this respected institution as it continues its strong commitment to serve as a top

destination for family fun and an important resource for early childhood learning. I eagerly anticipate working with the board, the entire staff team and our strong community of private and corporate supporters to successfully position the Museum for continued growth.”

Krizan is a Twin Cities native and currently resides in St. Paul with her husband, Scott, and two children, Abby and Daniel. She received her Master of Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Krizan replaces former president, Sarah Caruso, who resigned November 13, 2009, to become CEO of the Greater Twin Cities United Way. Caruso served as Museum president since 2004. Former Museum Board member Terri Tersteeg has served as interim president and will continue with the Museum in an interim capacity until Krizan’s arrival.

MINNESOTA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

Minnesota Children’s Museum is a non-profit community educational organization committed to smart play: sparking children’s learning through play. Infants ages six months through children age 10 discover their world through hands-on exhibits in five permanent galleries: ***Our World*** connects children to people and places in their community as they role play “grown-ups” in a child-size environment; ***World Works*** encourages creativity and problem-solving through investigation and experimentation; ***Earth World*** immerses children in lifelike Minnesota habitats to nurture an understanding of the natural world; ***Habitot***[®] enables infants and toddlers to safely explore four developmentally designed learning landscapes; and ***Rooftop ArtPark*** brings nature and art together in an outdoor gallery on the Museum’s fourth floor. Two special galleries offer exciting traveling exhibits from around the world. Fun drop-in programs such as Story Time and Big Fun! take place daily. Kid Spark, the Museum store, is located in the first floor lobby. Minnesota Children’s Museum has been providing children and adults with a fun, educational environment since 1981.

The Museum is located at Seventh and Wabasha streets in downtown St. Paul. For 24-hour information, visit www.MCM.org or call 651-225-6000.