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Supporting the Arts:

**Grant Woods and Family Make \$250,000 Gift to
Children's Museum of Phoenix**

PHOENIX, AZ (February 12, 2008) – The *Childhood Dreams Built By You* Campaign reached over the \$8 million mark recently thanks to a \$250,000 gift from **Grant and Marlene Woods and Joe and Nina Woods**, announced the Museum today.

Made in honor of Grant's father and grandfather, the Woods family will commemorate their family's legacy in the construction industry by sponsoring the Museum's **Building Big: Construction Zone Experience** (description provided below). This active, inventive zone will present opportunities to build large-scale three-dimensional structures. Forts, towers, rocket ships, anything that can be imagined can be built using a modular system of rods and panels.

Grant Woods and his family have been involved with the Children's Museum since 2000 in many capacities including Marlene's chairing of the 2006 *Travel Around the World* Gala. Grant served 2 terms on the Museum's Board of Directors and is currently a member of the *Childhood Dreams Built by You* Campaign Steering Committee.

"Grant's strategic leadership at the outset of this project was critical to our viability," said **Tom Ambrose**, Chairman of the Children's Museum Board of Directors. "Our hope is that this generous gift will not only help us to nurture present and future generations of Arizona children, but it will also inspire young people to become builders of future communities."

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Grant Woods added, "Our family has been proud to support the Children's Museum of Phoenix from the beginning. We look forward to many fun-filled days with our children at the Museum. I am especially pleased that my father and grandfather are honored in this way for their many decades of work helping build Arizona brick by brick." Continued **Marlene Woods**, "We are hopeful that other families will follow and create a lasting legacy for all of the children of Arizona. What better way to pay tribute to families than by investing in this wonderful Children's Museum."

"The construction business in Arizona was built by families," said **Joe Woods**. "The list of Arizona families who started construction companies, or worked in the construction trades, is a long and distinguished one. We hope that the children who learn from this exhibit and this Museum will remember that the Arizona they see today was built by families."

Nina Woods concluded, "It is our hope that Arizona children and the children of visitors to our great state will, along with their parents, discover a fun and interesting place where they can play and learn and discover."

The Children's Museum of Phoenix is slated to open Saturday, June 14, 2008 in the historic Monroe School Building at the corner of 7th Street and Van Buren in downtown Phoenix. Currently undergoing a massive renovation, it will house over 55,000 square feet of hands-on, educational activities for children, ages birth to 10.

For more information visit www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

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Building Big: Construction Zone Experience

This active, inventive zone presents opportunities to build large-scale three-dimensional structures. A pre-built grid system provides a framework that allows children to join a cooperative building project with other visitors or construct a stand-alone creation. Forts, towers, rocket ships, anything that can be imagined can be built using a simple modular system of rods and panels. Workbenches and storage bins provide child-safe tools and hardware like nuts, bolts and washers. To add to the experience, visitors may don hard hats, safety goggles and tool aprons as they plan and build their structures.

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