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Wonderscope Children's Museum Launches Capital Campaign to Build "A New Place for Play"

SHAWNEE, Kan. (February 21, 2017) – Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City announces today a capital campaign to raise \$12 million for a new, larger facility that will allow it to expand programming and update exhibits, and make the museum Kansas City's new place for play for both children and adults.

"We envision a premier destination experience where families can celebrate play and children can tinker and experiment at their own pace," said Roxane Hill, Executive Director. "The environment will foster children's creativity and confidence with parents and caregivers learning right along with them."

Wonderscope is the only nonprofit children's museum in the Kansas City area focusing exclusively on children ages newborn to 10. The capital campaign will fund a new 30,000-square-foot facility at Red Bridge Shopping Center, 112th Street and Holmes in Kansas City, Missouri. The centralized location will provide greater visibility and accessibility enabling more participation by schools, families and children including lower-income communities.

A new, strategic partnership will allow Wonderscope to co-locate with the Mid-Continent Public Library, expanding the museum's reach and providing more opportunities for events and co-sponsorships.

"Mid-Continent Public Library is excited and honored to be collaborating with Wonderscope. Children that learn important skills like singing, rhyming, sharing, creating, and imagining at an early age enter school ready to learn. In recent decades, Wonderscope and Mid-Continent Public Library have worked individually toward these goals. Now, working together we will create an unparalleled effort for early learning and for community cooperation," said Steve Potter, Library Director and CEO.

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.

Wonderscope Children's Museum

Founded in 1989, Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City's mission is sparking a lifelong love of learning through the power of play. We provide fun, dynamic exhibits and programs that integrate the arts, sciences and literature for children ages 10 and under, their parents and teachers from across the Kansas City area. Learn more at Wonderscope.org, like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wonderscopekc) and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/wonderscopekc) @wonderscopekc.