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Greater MN Children's Museum Coalition

Serving **all of Minnesota's children** & their caring adults:

Greater Minnesota Children's Museum coalition members serve 400,000 guests annually, capturing visitors from nearly all of Minnesota's 87 counties. Many of Minnesota's children and families do not have another opportunity to experience a children's museum, or other quality space for informal learning through play, beyond our respective organizations.

Help us continue to provide education and exploration by investing \$20.85M in our children's museums across MN.

These investments towards children's museums across Minnesota will have an economic return of 5x the investment through direct, indirect, and induced spending and job creation. As well as:

- *Maximize the impact we have on early childhood development*
- *Improve social cohesion by strengthening the bonds between families and communities*
- *Increase cross-cultural competency, social emotional development, and mental health outcomes*
- *Strengthen economic development across Greater MN by increasing liveability and driving tourism*

WonderTrek Children's Museum, Baxter-Brainerd

Request: \$4.7M to complete site improvements and infrastructure, 4 acres of nature play exhibits, environments, and outdoor recreation activities, a year-round outfitters exploration studio, and final design of a new 27,000 square foot museum building.

Duluth Children's Museum, Duluth

Request: \$1.3M to construct, furnish, and equip an expansion of the current Duluth Children's Museum.

Judy Garland & Children's Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids

Request: \$2M to pre-design, design, construct and rehabilitate existing museum space including outdoor and indoor expansion, equipment, and furnishings.

Wheel and Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson

Request: \$350K for equity to support the rural communities we serve. This will allow for increased safety with a new front entrance, updated exhibits, new Outdoor Explorers and Mindful Wellness exhibits, and expanded community outreach.

Children's Museum of Southern MN, Mankato

Request: \$12.5M to pre-design, design, construct, furnish and equip two new buildings. Renovation of one section of existing exhibit space, as well as construction for an outdoor nature play space.