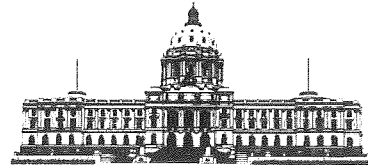


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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Children's Museum of Rochester, Inc., whose mission is to provide compelling and interacting experiences that engage people of all ages in the joy of play, the power of learning, and a sense of community.

The Children's Museum of Rochester, Inc is actively combating the play deficit facing today's youth by encouraging parents to understand the value of lifelong skills children develop when they engage in imaginative, open-ended play. The museum provides tools and resources that help make learning more visible for adult guests, offering practical tips for extending their children's learning - both in the museum and beyond.

In the past year, the Children's Museum of Rochester, Inc. has been building capacity and piloting programs to serve an increasingly diverse population facing multiple barriers. Through key partnerships with community nonprofits, the museum shares information about early childhood development through play and provides parents with tools to support playful learning in the museum and at home. Through play, children learn key skills for success now and into the future, and the museum ensures that families facing financial instability have access to developmentally rich, playful learning. As an educator and advocate for hands-on learning, I see first-hand how the museum impacts our community. The Children's Museum of Rochester, Inc. helps engage and support families in our community as their child's first teachers and is designed to lay the foundation for later learning, academic, and career success.

The Children's Museum of Rochester, Inc. provides focus areas that help all children in the community address the importance of social, emotional, and cognitive aspects of learning that include persistence, self-direction, critical thinking, and problem solving. The time is now to invest in our children's education and those community resources, like the children's museum, that are improving health, education, and disparities. Thank you for your consideration of my support of the Children's Museum of Rochester, Inc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact at 651-296-4848.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Nelson".

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