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The Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota Completes Fund Raising for Start-up Operations

The Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota along with Executive Director Peter Olson are pleased to announce they have completed their fund raising goal needed to sustain two years of planning, outreach, and other operations. With significant donations from local individuals, businesses and foundations, the emergence of a regional children's museum in Greater Mankato is one step closer to becoming a reality.

Board Chair and Co-Founder Linda Frost states, "We are so thankful that so many visionary community leaders believe in the Children's Museum as a regional early learning resource and have come forward to support it. This really says something about our community."

Executive Director Peter Olson states, "With these funds in place, we are now focused on identifying a site, preparing for a capital campaign, and spreading awareness throughout southern Minnesota about the emergence of the Children's Museum as an early learning resource right here in Greater Mankato."

Funds dedicated to start-up operations have been pledged by: Lyle and Kay Jacobson, Dotson Iron Castings, MinnStar Bank, Fred Lutz, Kato Engineering, Eide Bailly LLP., Coughlan Companies, Page Jones Richards Family Foundation, Kim and Sue Schwickert, Kent and Jane Schwickert and Schwickert Company.

KEYC news clip:

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