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**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WELCOMES
TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
Janita Gordon and Susan M. Wissink

PHOENIX, AZ (June 12, 2007) – The Children's Museum of Phoenix is pleased to announce the appointment of **Janita Gordon** and **Susan M. Wissink** to their Board of Directors.



Janita Gordon is currently the Executive Director of the Arizona Early Education Fund, housed at the Arizona Community Foundation, where she works closely with the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families.

Previously, Ms. Gordon served as the Director of Development for Arizona State University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, where she was instrumental in securing the \$50m gift leading to the naming of the Ira Fulton School of Engineering at ASU.

In her roles overseeing fundraising and marketing activities, Ms. Gordon has experience with Mechanical, Aerospace, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering and Diversity Programs. With a total of 16 years in the field of development, Ms. Gordon continues to mentor young professionals through her involvement as a member of the Arizona Fundraising Professional Organization.

Originally from Chicago, Ms. Gordon is married to Reverend Edgar Gordon and they have five children.



Susan M. Wissink is an attorney with the law firm of Fennemore Craig and practices in the area of corporate law, mergers & acquisitions, and commercial leasing.

She is active in the community and serves on the Board of Directors of several non-profit agencies that help children, women and animals, including the Arizona Humane Society and the Phoenix Women's Board of the Steele Children's Research Center. She is recipient of the 2006 "Pro Bono Lawyers of the Year" award and the Business Journal's "40 Under 40" award in 2004.

A second-generation native of Arizona, Ms. Wissink and her husband are the proud parents of 4-year-old triplets who will undoubtedly love spending time at the Children's Museum of Phoenix. She is excited to be a part of creating this Museum for Valley children.

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The Children's Museum of Phoenix is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to opening a children's museum that will engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the adults who care about them. The museum will focus on learning through play, with emphasis on early childhood education and school-readiness.

The Children's Museum will be housed in what is now the historic Monroe School at 7th Street and Van Buren in downtown Phoenix. Groundbreaking on the site was held in April, 2006 marking the beginning of the building's restoration and renovation. For more information about the Children's Museum visit www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.