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Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah Welcomes New Executive Director

Salt Lake City, UT – Laurie Hopkins was appointed as the new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Discovery Gateway Children's Museum of Utah by its Board of Directors. Ms. Hopkins assumed her position on Monday, July 6, 2015.

Chuck J. Grahmann, Chairman of the Discovery Gateway's Board of Directors said, "Laurie comes very highly recommended and I am excited to welcome her into the organization as we embark on an exciting journey that will re-shape and elevate the Discovery Gateway experience beyond anything we've done before. I believe she has the skills and leadership to successfully introduce the next generation of Discovery Gateway families to a world of exploration, discovery, and imagination."

Ms. Hopkins has over 20 years of experience and leadership in administration, program development, and finance. Prior to joining the Discovery Gateway team, Laurie served as Co-Managing Director for Sundance Institute, where she oversaw many critical areas of operations and administration for eight and a half years and built a strong track record with the nonprofit arts and culture world. Ms. Hopkins holds a M.A. in International Studies with an emphasis on Economics from John Hopkins University, and a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Redlands in California.

"I am thrilled to join the Discovery Gateway family. I firmly believe in its rewarding mission to inspire children of all ages to imagine, discover and connect with the world around them. Children grow and develop with experiential learning, and we offer this critical service to our diverse Utah community." Ms. Hopkins said. "I am looking forward to building on the strong history of the organization; the future holds many opportunities for expansion of our exhibits and reach of our programming. We are a vibrant cultural attraction, educational family resource, and a vital element in Utah's economy."

Ms. Hopkins assumes the helm as Discovery Gateway, founded in 1977, looks forward to celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2017.

About Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah

Discovery Gateway Children's Museum of Utah is located in downtown Salt Lake City at 444 West 100 South and is a contemporary discovery center offering 60,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on fun. The engaging workshops, programs, and exhibits invite the whole family to create, learn, and play together. It is the mission of Discovery Gateway to inspire children of all ages to imagine, discover, and connect with their world to make a difference. For information, please call (801) 456-5437, or visit us at www.discoverygateway.org

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