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Family Autism Night at Discovery Gateway Children's Museum
Children's museum to host its third special event for children with autism spectrum disorder and their families on Monday, January 28

Salt Lake City, UT – Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah in partnership with Autism Council of Utah, announces its 3rd Family Autism event scheduled for **Monday, January 28, from 5 to 7 p. m.**

Having spent the past 35 years inspiring and educating children of all abilities, Discovery Gateway recognizes the sobering fact that Utah leads the nation in autism spectrum disorder diagnoses, and is dedicated to scheduling a series of Autism events, where the facility is made available only to these special children and their families.

Family Autism Night provides these families with private time to experience the museum with other families dealing with the same life experiences. In the past, families facing these challenges have expressed to the museum that the social stigma centered on autism makes it difficult for their families to freely visit Discovery Gateway during regular hours. This has inspired the museum to work to secure funding to ensure these events become a regular occurrence.

On the heels of two successful Family Autism events in 2012, Discovery Gateway is able to afford the opportunity for families to participate in Family Autism Night free of charge thanks to a sponsorship by Lineagen. Lineagen, providers of *FirstStepDx PLUS*, a genetic service for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other forms of developmental delay, will be attending the event. Lineagen genetic counselors will be on hand to offer families information about their services.

About Lineagen:

Lineagen provides FirstStepDx PLUS, a genetic service for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other forms of developmental delay. Lineagen also powers M-CHAT.org, the online Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, which is a free and confidential online screening tool. Please contact 888-888-OPEN (6736) or visit www.firststepdx.com for more information.

About Discovery Gateway children's museum:

Discovery Gateway children's museum 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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