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In March, **Stepping Stones** Museum for Children will celebrate its 20th birthday. In its 20 years of serving this region, our award-winning museum has reached nearly 7 million people. With the help of members, educators and community partners, we've been able to provide exceptional, playful learning opportunities for children that foster an understanding and appreciation of the world.

When Stepping Stones first opened its doors in 2000, we were answering a call from our community to create a world class children's museum in the region for all children to learn and grow. Through our *Open Arms* accessibility initiative, children of all backgrounds and abilities can access our brain-building, play-based learning opportunities. In 2020, Stepping Stones looks to serve 75,000 children and families through *Open Arms* programs.

As we embark on this new decade, we're bubbling over with exciting ideas for the future and are prepared to work hard and take the extra steps needed to generate lasting impact for the children and families we serve. We're looking forward to celebrating all of the people, partners and passion that make Stepping Stones special to our community, including our dedicated and generous board of directors.

We're pulling out the stops to create incredible celebration experiences for children and families all month long, including the BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER on Saturday, March 7. Bird and the Stepping Stones Storytellers will host this magnificent event jam-packed with live entertainment, learning-inspired games and experiences, cupcakes and special birthday party guests. An entertainment-filled evening celebration for adults will take place on Saturday, March 21 with engaging opportunities to be a kid again. YOU bring the heart — we bring the happy!

THANK YOU for making our mission at Stepping Stones possible by visiting with your children, family and friends. You are the reason we joyfully do our work every day. Cheers to our bright future together.

With warm regards,

Rhonda Kiest
President and CEO

