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GRAND RAPIDS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND HONORS SERVICE OF OUTGOING BOARD PRESIDENT MICHAEL LAMFERS.

[Grand Rapids, MI] April 18, 2019—The Grand Rapids Children's Museum elected its new board on April 17, 2019 at its annual Meeting of Members. New board members include Lisa Oliver-King, Angela Nelson, Steve Huizinga and David Gregory. The 24-member board helps support fundraising, programming and volunteering efforts in collaboration with museum CEO Maggie Lancaster.

"We are so excited to welcome our new board members. This incredible group of community leaders will bring a wide range of expertise and insight to our board. I'm honored they are giving their time and talents to GRCM and look forward to working with each of them," says Maggie Lancaster, CEO, Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

GRCM also honored outgoing president Mike Lamfers, who has served on the GRCM board for 15 years, including two terms as board president. Mr. Lamfers will be succeeded by Dr. Carolyn King.

Carolyn King, MD: Dr. King is a child and adolescent psychiatrist at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Michigan State University's School of Human Medicine. She is also the co-founder of Reach Out to Youth, a program connecting students ages 7-11 with careers in the medical arts and sciences. Dr. King received her undergraduate and medical degree from Wayne State University, and completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Michigan.



Lisa Oliver-King: Lisa is the founder of Our Kitchen Table, a community activist organization aspiring to educate, empower, and improve access in urban neighborhoods to nutritious foods, specifically locally grown, chemically-free produce. Lisa has a background in public health, including positions with the Kent County Health Department, the Michigan Public Health Institute and Hospice of Michigan.



Angela Nelson: Angela is the VP of multicultural business development at Experience GR, leading community relations, diversity and inclusion and workforce development initiatives. She has served in leadership roles on various community committees and boards including Tall Turf Ministries, the GR Chamber of Commerce ATHENA committee, YWCA Tribute! committee, Baxter Community Center Major Gifts committee, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Tour Experience board. She completed her undergraduate studies at GVSU, and received an MBA in integrated management from the MSU Broad College of Business.



Steve Huizinga: Steve is the president of Allied Mechanical Services, Inc. Steve has helped build his family-owned firm into one of the top mechanical contractors in West Michigan. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Western Michigan Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.



David Gregory: David is a results-oriented lobbyist with the firm Kelley Cawthorne. His specialties include government relations, public policy and appropriations. David's extensive experience includes serving as the legislative liaison for former Governor John Engler's office of Legal Counsel and Regulatory Reform. He received an undergraduate degree from Northern Michigan University and a law degree from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.



A full listing of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum Board includes:

CEO: Maggie Lancaster, Grand Rapids Children's Museum

Board President: Dr. Carolyn King, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Pine Rest
Christian Mental Health Services

Past Board President: Michael Lamfers, Plante Moran

President Elect: Dr. Abeba Berhane, Pediatrician, HDVCH, Spectrum Health

Vice President: Jason Schnelker, Schnelker, Rassi & McConnell, PLC

Board Treasurer & Secretary: Paul Lothschutz, H & S Companies

Member at Large: Kelley Stoppels, Miller Johnson

Board Members:

Jolynne Dobson, Byron Center Public Schools

David Gregory, Kelley Cawthorne

Steve Huizinga, Allied Mechanical

Sandy Jager, Mercantile Bank

Jason Joseph, Spectrum Health

Mandy Jurkovic, Community Advocate

Terrence McCarthy, PNC Bank

Carla Morris, Glenn Morris & Associates

Angela Nelson, Experience GR

Lisa Oliver-King, Our Kitchen Table

Nick Paradiso, National Heritage Academies

John Parker, Elzinga & Volkers

Dale Rietberg, Varnum, LLP

Rachael Ruiz, WOOD TV8

Kari Sherry, Community Advocate

Sharon Smith, Aquinas College

Ed Wong-Ligda, Retired Professor, Fine Artist

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The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is dedicated to building minds through play by providing open-ended, creative, interactive play experiences, which have been shown to help the cognitive, social, emotional and physical development of children. The Museum is open to the public Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Thursday Family Night 5 - 8 p.m.) and Sundays noon - 5 p.m. Regular admission is \$9.00 per person and \$8.00 for ages 65+. Thursday Family Night admission is \$1.75. GRCM members and children under 1 are free! GRCM is a non-profit organization located at 11 Sheldon Avenue NE in downtown Grand Rapids. For more information and daily schedule of programming and events, please visit www.grcm.org.