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EXPLORE ALASKA BY WAY OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM'S NEWEST CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure Opens to the Public January 28, 2023

[Grand Rapids, MI] December 15, 2022 – The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is partnering with The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum to bring MOLLY OF DENALI, the acclaimed PBS KIDS® series, to life when the Museum's newest cultural exhibit, *Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure* opens to the public on January 28, 2023.

Set in a fictitious rural Alaskan village close to Denali, the show follows the adventures of Molly, her family, friends, and dog Suki and is infused with Alaska Native values, history, traditions and language.

The exhibit showcases Alaska and Molly's life in the summer and winter seasons. Visitors can pretend to fly a replica bush plane, drive a snowmobile and navigate a snow maze in snowshoes. The center of the exhibit will feature the Trading Post and the Tribal Hall from the series and guests will have the opportunity to explore the great outdoors of Alaska and Alaska Native life including ice fishing, discovering replica ice sculptures and caring for sled dogs.

Visitors will explore Alaska Native culture with interactive learning opportunities at the Tribal Hall and the Trading Post will feature Alaska's geography, unique activities and native animals. Technology is integrated into the Trading Post to showcase Molly's vlog and apps available on the PBS KIDS® website.

The exhibit is scheduled to open to the public on January 28 and will remain at The Grand Rapids Children's Museum through May 14, 2023. *Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure* is included with admission to the Museum. This exhibit is sponsored locally by The Steelcase Foundation, Delta Dental of Michigan, and WGUV Public Broadcasting.

The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is open Tuesdays for members from 9am-noon and to the public from noon-4pm. The museum is open to the public Thursday from noon-7pm, Friday and Saturday from 9am-4pm, and Sunday from noon-4pm. Regular admission is \$10.00 per person and \$9.00 for





ages 65+. Admission for teachers and active military members is \$8.00. Through Museums for All, admission for EBT and WIC cardholders is \$1.75 per person for up to 12 people per card. GRM members and children under 1 are free! GRM 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 grcm.org.

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About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences that spark imagination, pique curiosity, enhance creativity and develop problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic. Serving more than 550,000 visitors annually, The Magic House opened in 1979 and has 55,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits. In 2019, the Museum opened an all-new satellite makerspace in the City of St. Louis on Delmar Boulevard, located between the Central West End and the Delmar Loop. For additional information, please call or text 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

About Molly of Denali

MOLLY OF DENALI is produced by GBH and its animation partner, Atomic Cartoons. MOLLY OF DENALI® involves Alaska Native voices in all aspects of the production, both on screen and behind the scenes. Every Indigenous character is voiced by an Indigenous actor, including Molly, voiced by Alaska Native Sovereign Bill (Tlingit and Muckleshoot).

Support for MOLLY OF DENALI® is provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, the GBH Kids Catalyst Fund, and by public television viewers. Corporate funding is provided by Target.

Alaska Native collaborators: Wilson Justin, Lorraine David, Rochelle Adams, Dewey Kk'oleyo Hoffman, and Princess Johnson. Language Advisors: Allan Hayton, Aassanaaq Kairaiuak, Joel Isaak, Lance X'unei Twitchell, Lorraine David, and Marjorie Tahbone. Informational text advisor: Nell K. Duke, University of Michigan.

About GBH Kids

GBH Kids is one of the top producers for public media, creating educational content for kids, parents, caregivers and teachers, including iconic PBS KIDS programs such as the award-winning Arthur and Molly of Denali, digital series such as Scribbles and Ink, games, apps and podcasts. GBH Kids, based





in Boston, also works closely with PBS LearningMedia, providing digital curricula for more than 2 million teachers across all 50 states. GBH Kids is committed to equity and access to educational media and the healthy development of all children. As the inventor of closed captioning and audio description, GBH is dedicated to making media accessible and inclusive. Find more information at gbh.org/kids.

