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San Diego Children's Discovery Museum Announces New "Water Ways" Exhibit

Escondido, CA - San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is excited to announce *Water Ways*, a new interactive and educational exhibit for young children and their caregivers, opening Tuesday, May 6.

Located in the Museum's outdoor *Trudy Bronner Discovery Garden,* the new exhibit allows guests to manipulate and play with the flow of water. Through hands-on exploration, children can turn water valves on and off, launch balls into a water vortex, and experiment with dams. The new water table will also include Escondido landmarks such as Lake Hodges, Escondido Water Treatment Plant, City Hall, and more, allowing families to make a real-world connection on how clean drinking water is sourced from lakes and rivers and flows into cities to support communities.

Central to the Museum's mission to spark a love of learning, the new exhibit provides hands-on learning opportunities to children and invites them to learn about the importance of water conservation and how they can save water by making just a few little adjustments in their daily lives.

"We wanted to create an exhibit that inspires STREAM skills through fun and immersive water challenges. While playing in this exhibit, we hope children enhance their perceptual development through sensory play, develop their fine motor skills, practice engineering principles by changing the flow and direction of water, and recognize water as an important resource that should be conserved. We ultimately hope to build foundational developmental skills that many kids will need as they continue their education," said Whitney Raser, Director of Education at San Diego Children's Discovery Museum.

Water Ways is one of the many ways San Diego Children's Discovery Museum continues to provide engaging, hands-on experiences that inspire curiosity and learning. The Museum looks forward to

welcoming families to explore, experiment, and make a splash while discovering the vital role water plays in our everyday lives.

Water Ways is included with Museum admission.

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About San Diego Children's Discovery Museum

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's mission is to spark a love of learning so all children can discover their wildest dreams. Its vision is to be the leader in inventive early childhood education. The Museum's hands-on educational exhibits and programs focus on science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math (STREAM) for children up to age 10. The Museum is affiliated with the Association of Children's Museums and the San Diego Museum Council. To learn more about the Museum, visit <u>sdcdm.org</u>.