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## **Children's Museum of Discovery to Host "Ignite Their Spark" Fundraising Event on August 29, 2026**

**Escondido, CA.**— Children's Museum of Discovery (CMoD) will host its third annual fundraising event on Saturday, August 29, 2026. The event's theme, "Ignite Their Spark," is inspired by the Museum's mission to spark a love of learning so all children can discover their wildest dreams. This year, guests will take a journey through play and engage in interactive experiences that showcase the power of play for young children. Proceeds from the event will support the Museum's Access for All program, providing free and low-cost admission, workshops, and field trips to under-resourced families and Title-I schools in San Diego County.

"Our programs and services are a vital resource for families and schools seeking high-quality and impactful educational experiences that build developmental skills essential for future success," said Christina Piranio, Chief Executive Officer of CMoD. "Nearly 40% of our visitors qualify for EBT/WIC/SNAP. Ignite Their Spark provides critical funds for our Access for All program, removing any financial barriers to receiving early STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math) resources and providing free or low-cost admission to over 25,000 individuals annually."

Throughout the event, guests will enjoy hand-crafted cocktails by Snake Oil Cocktail Co. and build-your-own hors d'oeuvres by Harvest Kitchen, complemented by dueling piano entertainment and a silent auction benefiting early childhood education. The event promises to spark curiosity and inspire a lifelong love of learning for both attendees and future generations.

"Through every exhibit, program, and experience, Children's Museum of Discovery's mission has remained the same: to spark a love of learning so all children can discover their wildest dreams," added Amanda Flisher, Board Chair of CMoD. "Ignite Their Spark is the perfect opportunity for attendees to

discover how the Museum utilizes play and interactive experiences to nurture a lifelong love of learning for all children. We are delighted to give guests a glimpse into the magic of the Museum.”

**Ignite Their Spark Event Details:**

- **Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Children’s Museum of Discovery, 320 N. Broadway, Escondido
- **Ticket Pricing:**
  - \$150 Early Bird Discount (Available until May 31)
  - \$175 Individual
- **Website:** [www.visitmod.org/IgniteTheirSpark](http://www.visitmod.org/IgniteTheirSpark)

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**About Children’s Museum of Discovery**

Children’s Museum of Discovery’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 [visitmod.org](http://visitmod.org)