



Discovery Gateway Children's Museum Reimagined the Popular "Construction Zone" Exhibit

*Through the generous donation of Staker Parson,
The new exhibit will be unveiled on October 28, 2023*

The Discovery Gateway Children's Museum proudly announces the reimagining of its beloved exhibit, "Construction Zone," opening on October 28, 2023. Through a generous donation by Staker Parson, this new exhibit will enable children to learn the way roads are built and the large amount of construction materials that Staker Parson recycles every year.

"We are thrilled at the way this newly reimagined exhibit has turned out," says Executive Director, Kathleen Bodenlos. "By introducing children in Utah to potential career paths we continue to offer our young visitors the opportunity to learn through play while imagining their bright futures."

With "Construction Zone," Staker Parson, a pioneer and leader in the construction industry, aims to showcase not only the fascinating aspects of construction for the next generation of kids, like how roads are made but also the diverse and interesting career opportunities it offers. The refreshed exhibit will offer an innovative and engaging environment where children can learn in a safe space, get to socialize with each other, and have fun with their parents.

Bodenlos adds, "We are always striving to find ways to make our exhibits help children who have many different learning styles. This reimagined exhibit's hands-on approach encompasses all learning styles, allowing us to create the most inclusive and welcoming environment possible."

One of the standout features of "The Construction Zone" is an impressive conveyor belt that even small children can safely operate which enables them to sort rocks, eventually laying them into a road. This immersive experience provides tangible insight into the intricate layers of road construction, fostering a real and lasting understanding for your learners.

The exhibit will also have a strong commitment to the environment, the same way Staker Parson is dedicated to environmental responsibility through their recycling efforts. Staker Parson is one of Utah's largest recyclers, recycling more than 1 million tons of material each year. By transforming concrete asphalt from old roads and buildings into new roads and structures, they are reducing waste and contributing to a sustainable future.

“This eco-friendly aspect of the exhibit will not only educate, but will also inspire visitors to make environmentally conscious choices,” says Scott Parson, CEO of Staker Parson Materials & Construction. “We envision a future where children realize they have the opportunity and ability to pave the road and build a bright future right here in Salt Lake City.”

About Discovery Gateway Children’s Museum

Discovery Gateway Children’s Museum is located in downtown Salt Lake City at 444 West 100 South and has been a Salt Lake favorite for over 40 years. It is a contemporary children’s museum offering 60,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on educational fun. Through engaging exhibits, workshops, programs and classes, the entire family will be able to enjoy a unique educational experience that combines creativity, play and learning. The mission of the children’s museum is to inspire children of all ages and abilities to imagine, discover and connect with their world to make a difference. For more information, please call 801-456-5437 or visit www.discoverygateway.org

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