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### **Snohomish County awards Imagine Children's Museum for community involvement**

**Everett, Washington, Thursday, August 22, 2013** – Snohomish County Council recognized Imagine Children's Museum at Evergreen State Fair on August 22, 2013 for being a stellar community steward.

The Snohomish City Council Resolution was passed declaring "the Imagine Children's Museum as a community steward in helping to build character and self—confidence in children while instilling a community connection."

Imagine Children's Museum has become a community resource for children and their families. They continually work to develop partnerships within the community service providers, schools and institutions of higher education to recognize that early childhood experiences significantly influence the future of every child. By building partnerships with these diverse groups, they work together to build character and self-confidence in children, while instilling a community connection.

By creating a museum experience that is reflective of our diverse community, Imagine Children's Museum employs fun and sparks imagination to help children develop a sense of belonging. The Snohomish County Council recognizes Imagine Children's Museum as a stellar community steward and model in community building for inspiring such growth.

Republic Services is both an active supporter of Imagine Children's Museum and a sponsor of the Evergreen State Fair. Joe Casalini, Director of Business Development at Republic Services, said, "How could you not support a community asset that is developing collaborative partnerships with service providers, schools and institutions of higher education in order to positively influence childhood experiences? The 2013 community stewardship award couldn't be presented to a more deserving organization."

Council members Dave Somers and Brian Sullivan, and Snohomish County Executive John Lovick presented Nancy Johnson, Executive Director at Imagine Children's Museum, and kids from the museum with the award.

### **ABOUT IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

Imagine Children's Museum is a non-profit community organization committed to making children's lives better by creating a place where they can playfully learn. Children, ages one through twelve, visit the Museum accompanied by their parent, grandparent, friend, neighbor, teacher or guardian. More than twenty hands-on enriching exhibits provide opportunities for children to discover, explore, create and imagine. Fun, interactive activities such as i-Engineers and Tuesday Tales are also offered. Since opening its

doors in 2004, Imagine Children's Museum has served more than one million children and adults, including over 236,000 in 2011. *Sunset* magazine highlighted Imagine Children's Museum as a "fantastic children's museum" and it is rated a 5-Star Pick by *Lila Guide*. ICM was selected as the "Best Museum for Kids" in the Puget Sound region by Nickelodeon's *ParentsConnect.com* for the past three years. *King 5 Evening Magazine* voters have chosen ICM as one of the top three "Most fun Places for Kids" in Western Washington and the "Best Children's Entertainment." The Museum is located on the corner of Wall and Hoyt Streets in downtown Everett. For hours and admission information, visit [www.ImagineCM.org](http://www.ImagineCM.org) or call 425-258-1006.