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IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SERVES UP PLAYFUL LEARNING THROUGH LOCAL FOOD BANKS *The Museum Utilizes Local Partnerships to Bring Hands-on Learning to Children in Need*

Everett, Washington – Imagine Children's Museum delivered 600 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) based Activity Kits to local Food Banks in Snohomish County to support playful learning among children most in need. It was through the generosity of The Elizabeth Foundation, the Museum was able to extend its reach to children most impacted by food insecurity and the uncertainty that has come with the pandemic.

While the Museum has been closed to the public since mid-March due to State mandates, the staff have been hard at work producing virtual programming and content to accompany the lessons that are included in each kit. This has allowed the Museum to ensure children are given well-rounded and engaging opportunities to playfully learn from highly-skilled, knowledgeable educators while at home.

In addition to the Activity Kits being distributed via the local Food Banks, the Museum has also partnered with the Sno-Isle Library District to continue their popular Little Science Lab program virtually in both English and Spanish, with libraries across Snohomish County utilizing contact-free pick up to distribute monthly Activity Kits, which correspond to the Little Science Lab program's curriculum. Museum staff worked closely with librarians in Darrington, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Lakewood/Smokey Point, Mariner, Monroe and Sultan to identify 160 children and families that would benefit from participation in the virtual Little Science Lab program.

The Little Science Lab program is completely funded by the generosity of grants and donors. Although the program is currently limited to 160 families, libraries across the County have filled waiting lists with families hoping to participate in the future, as the Museum is hopeful that future funding will allow the program to continue to grow. If you or your company would be interested in funding STEAM bags please contact us at giving@imaginecm.org.

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About Imagine Children's Museum

Imagine Children's Museum is a grassroots, non-profit organization located in the heart of Everett, Washington and established in 1991. The Museum serves more than 250,000 visitors annually, including free or reduced admissions to more than 70,000 children and families in need. Imagine was the first children's museum in the PNW to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, has been recognized and won awards locally and nationally for its exhibits and programs and has earned a 4-star rating for Charity Navigator—America's leading independent evaluator of charities for financial health, accountability, and transparency. To learn more, go to www.imaginecm.org.