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### **South Carolina Ports Authority Presents \$15,000 to the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry**

*The grant from the South Carolina Ports Authority will be used to provide free field trips to the Children's Museum for four Charleston Promise Neighborhood schools.*

**Charleston, SC** (October 8, 2015) — The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry (CML) has received \$15,000 from the South Carolina Ports Authority to provide students at four Charleston Promise Neighborhood Learning Community (CPNLC) schools with a free field trip to CML during the 2015-2016 school year.

The grant will cover all costs for Charleston Promise Neighborhood Learning Community students in Head Start/Child Development, Kindergarten or First Grade to visit the Children's Museum, including educational programming and transportation. This is the second year the South Carolina Ports Authority has generously donated field trips to CML to CPNLC students.

CPNLC is a school-board approved joint partnership between Charleston County School District (CCSD) and the non-profit Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN). CPN's role is to build the capacity of four CCSD Neighborhood schools that include Chicora School of Communications, James Simons Elementary, Mary Ford Elementary, and Sanders-Clyde Creative Arts School with an infusion of resources to ensure each child's educational experience is of the highest quality. This gift from the South Carolina Ports Authority and partnership with CML are one of the many ways CPN is able to achieve this goal.

"South Carolina Ports Authority is committed to supporting the efforts of non-profit organizations in the communities where we operate, and we are pleased to continue our partnership with the Children's Museum to provide visits for over 1,500 CPN students this school year," said Jim Newsome, SC Ports Authority president and CEO. "This grant expands our current involvement with CPN and provides an important educational opportunity for young students to learn in the Museum's interactive, fun environment."

Nichole Myles, Executive Director of the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry says, "We are so grateful to the South Carolina Ports Authority for its generous gift to benefit our young citizens. We are thrilled to continue our collaboration with the South Carolina Ports Authority and the Charleston Promise Neighborhood Learning Community to provide these vital community opportunities for play to CPN Head Start/Child Development students, Kindergarteners, and First Graders."

#### **About the South Carolina Ports Authority**

The South Carolina Ports Authority, established by the state's General Assembly in 1942, owns and operates public seaport facilities in Charleston, Georgetown and Greer, handling international commerce valued at more than \$63 billion annually while receiving no direct taxpayer subsidy. An economic development engine for the state, port operations facilitate 260,800 jobs across South Carolina and nearly \$45 billion in economic activity each year. For more information, visit [www.scspa.com](http://www.scspa.com).

### **About The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry**

The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with a mission to engage young children's potential by inviting families of all backgrounds to explore environments and experiences that spark imagination and stimulate curiosity through the power of play. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person, \$10 for SC Residents and free for Members and children less than 12 months of age. For more information, please visit our website, [www.exploreCML.org](http://www.exploreCML.org).

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