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Children's Museum of the Lowcountry Welcomes Nichole Myles as Executive Director

Charleston, SC (July 16, 2015)— The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry (CML) is pleased to announce Nichole Myles has been named as its new Executive Director. Myles joins CML after serving as the Chief Education and Experience Officer at the Putnam Museum and Science Center in Davenport, Iowa. She will lead CML as an ambassador for the Charleston community's early education programs and activities.

Myles brings a tremendous breadth of knowledge and experience to the Charleston community. She has developed a full cadre of programs for informal, hands-on education for youth pre-K through grade 12 as well as adults. Myles served as the lead staff member for the 2014 Science Center project at the Putnam Museum – a two-million dollar repurposing project that brought more than 45 hands-on interactives to the facility all with a focus on science, technology, engineering and math and tying each to career opportunities. In addition to leading programmatic content and overseeing exhibitions, Myles is also an active grant-writer and development leader who has secured awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$300,000.

Myles received the 2012 President's Award of Merit for impact in STEM Education by the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council and was named the Collaborative Lead for the state of Iowa with the National Girls Collaborative Project. She has been the keynote speaker at several events on informal education and a panelist at a variety of conferences, including the Smithsonian Affiliations conference in 2014 where she presented on crowdfunding for non-profits. Myles was an active member of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council for the state of Iowa, serving on the Public/Private Partnerships, Interstate STEM and Active Learning sub-committees.

Myles, along with her three children, now calls Mount Pleasant home. Myles states, "I am looking forward to furthering the vision of the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, bringing the power of PLAY to all of Charleston's youngest citizens and recognizing them as capable, creative and full of promise."

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 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person, \$10 for SC Residents and free for children less than 12 months of age. For more information, please visit our website, www.exploreCML.org.

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