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### Grand Opening of Children's Museum of the Lowcountry's Satellite Location in St. George

**St. George, SC - May 21, 2024** - The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry (CML) announced the grand opening of its first-ever satellite location in St. George, housed within the restored historic Rosenwald School. This innovative adaptive re-use project, made possible through generous support from The Boeing Company, marks a significant milestone in the museum's mission to expand access to enriching educational experiences for children across the Lowcountry.

"The Board's strategic plan aims to explore opportunities to expand the museum's physical presence across the Lowcountry through additional locations," shared Alexis Carrico, Chairman of the museum's Board of Directors and a Faculty Member at the College of Charleston School of Business. "And we take great pride in establishing our first satellite location to serve an area of the Lowcountry that lacks convenient access to enriching children's museum experiences."

Located within the former classrooms of the Rosenwald School, the museum's satellite features four engaging galleries designed to inspire curiosity and creativity among young learners.

"Our goal was to blend educational outcomes with the unique history of the Rosenwald School," explained Karen Coltrane, president and CEO of CML. "The stories shared by the school's alumni about the former nearby businesses inspired our design for the exhibit venues, so children today will be learning in spaces that reflect the spirit of the surrounding community."

The satellite's exhibits include:

1. A town square-themed gallery with interactive experiences including a child-sized grocery store, a voting location presented by the League of Women Voters Charleston, and an interactive apple tree.
2. A creative STEM gallery featuring a Juke Joint with musical instruments, arts space with digital drawing technology, and a miniature stage for pretend play, provided by CML Board Member Jasmine Woodard Rose and the Rose family.
3. A Tinker Lab equipped with tools and interactive displays encouraging hands-on exploration of STEM concepts.
4. A classroom for school groups led by museum educators in immersive STEM programs.

To ensure accessibility, the museum will offer free admission during its first year of operation, thanks to the Boeing Company's support. School groups from Dorchester District 4 and surrounding areas are eagerly anticipating regular visits to the satellite location.

“Boeing is proud to partner with the Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry to [open](#) its [new museum](#) space inside the [St. George](#) Rosenwald School in Dorchester County,” said Kristina Mauer, 787 Boeing Production System leader and CML board member. “We believe it’s important to introduce students to STEM in the crucial early education years in order to spark curiosity and creativity, and we’re confident CML’s [newest](#) campus will inspire young minds to use collaboration, persistence and problem-solving skills.”

In addition to its regular programming, the museum will host the Freedom School® camp this summer, focusing on literacy support for 30 local children identified as reading below grade level.

The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry's St. George satellite will initially operate Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm during the summer, transitioning to Tuesday through Saturday hours once the 2024-25 school year begins.

For more information about the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry and its new St. George location, visit [www.exploreqml.org](http://www.exploreqml.org).

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