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## Let's help turn Kidzeum into a reality

It's been our honor to serve as Springfield's mayor. We're proud of the many accomplishments achieved during our combined years of service, and believe an optimistic future is ahead for the community we affectionately call home.

One reason for that confident outlook is a project that has brought us together in support. The Vital for Our Youth Capital Campaign is a fundraising effort currently under way for Kidzeum of Health and Science. The goal of the volunteers is to create a new and exciting children's museum as part of the Southwind Park project.

Kidzeum will offer a unique and innovative approach to learning that will be informative and entertaining. Through its four health-related themes — Healthy Body, Healthy Community, Healthy Earth and Healthy Environment — visitors will understand the importance associated with topics like living a healthy lifestyle; respecting Earth — what it offers and its limitations; and how our community plays an important role in one's development.

We're proud to support this exciting project serving as honorary chairs. It's our opinion that the creation and development of Kidzeum will provide numerous benefits, including:

■ Kidzeum will add to Springfield's multi-million dollar tourism industry.

■ It will emphasize fitness programs for area youth.

■ Kidzeum will offer programming that complements school lessons.

■ It will become a selling point for the recruitment and retention of employees for local businesses.

■ Kidzeum will offer a wonderful bonding experience for children, families and friends.

■ Construction will provide union labor opportunities.

Throughout history, Americans have displayed a willingness to give, and already, many local businesses and private citizens have sacrificed in support of Kidzeum. However, the work is not complete. Kidzeum needs your help. Won't you please consider what you can do to join us and other donors in turning this vision into a reality? Imagine the excitement when Kidzeum's doors open. Imagine the smiles. Imagine the pride you'll experience knowing you played a role and made a difference.

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