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Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose Proud to Host Youth Citizenship Ceremony January 30th @10 a.m.

Commitment to Children and Civil Society Make Award-Winning Museum Ideal Host

San Jose, CA – January 26, 2017 – Seventy-five local youth will receive their United States citizenship at [Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose](#) on Monday, January 30th at 10 a.m. The San Jose field office of the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) will administer the oath of allegiance and hand out citizenship certificates at the museum for the first time for children ages 14 and above. The youth receive their citizenship through their naturalized parents or because they were adopted by U.S. citizens.

“As a museum dedicated to children and families, it’s extremely meaningful to host this event celebrating the bright future of these new, young Americans,” said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose. “Since day one, we’ve been committed to our cultural initiatives’ work and this occasion illustrates the unifying principles we share as citizens and the hope we place in our children for a better tomorrow.”

In its 26 years of operations, Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose has become a beloved community asset, providing memorable experiences that enable today’s children to become tomorrow’s visionaries. The museum has also emerged as a hallmark of civil society with its long-standing strategic commitment to [Cultural Competency and Inclusion](#), which makes it the ideal site for welcoming young people as citizens.

This commitment is deeply ingrained in the museum’s exhibitions, programs and initiatives from the [Cultural Celebration](#) series, the tri-lingual exhibit signage, the *Common Ground* cross-cultural exchange program with immigrant families, the Latino and Vietnamese audience development initiatives, which culminated in the national traveling exhibit, *Voyage to Vietnam*, to the founding of the national [Cultural Competency Institute](#) that trains museum professionals in organizational capacity around the many dimensions of diversity and inclusion.

Sixth-graders Hannah Chang and Noah Hale, who took part in the American Immigration Lawyers Association's essay contest and won local honors, will speak at the January 30th ceremony.

[About Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose](#)

With over 150 interactive exhibits and programs, **Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose** is one of the largest museums of its kind in the nation. Since opening its doors in 1990, the museum has welcomed over 8.3 million visitors and has offered new exhibits each year that respond to children's diverse educational needs. The striking 52,000 square foot purple building was designed by Mexico City-based architect Ricardo Legorreta and is a beacon of discovery. Encompassing the broad themes of community, connections and creativity, hands-on exhibits invite self-directed, open-ended explorations. For more information about the Museum, visit www.cdm.org.

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