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XOXO: An Exhibit About Love & Forgiveness Opens September 17 at Mayborn Museum

Everyone longs to be loved. And the greatest thing we can do is let people know that they are loved and capable of loving. —Fred Rogers

Share, listen, connect, ask and learn about feelings and emotions at ***XOXO: An Exhibit About Love & Forgiveness***, opening **Sunday, September 17** at **Mayborn Museum**.

The Mayborn Museum is excited to bring a new type of exhibit to Central Texas! Through a variety of activities, the exhibit ***XOXO: An Exhibit About Love & Forgiveness*** offers families the opportunity to understand, appreciate and express emotions. This exhibit is a fun and interactive way to help kids consider what makes them sad, mad or happy. This will be a space that fosters conversations and experiences that bring love and forgiveness to the forefront of families' minds. The Mayborn is excited to encourage children (and their caregivers) to take a deep breath and explore these powerful feelings and the effects they have on you and on others. At ***XOXO*** visitors can:

- Work together to balance on a seesaw or connect an infinite story puzzle.
- Build and explore a variety of facial expressions using empathy blocks.
- Release the negative by drawing or writing down what makes you angry or sad and then crank it through a paper shredder.

XOXO: An Exhibit About Love & Forgiveness is an exhibit that's built to be fun, interactive, thoughtful and a conversation starter." stated Penny Lodge, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Director of Exhibits. "Since the exhibit debuted in Pittsburgh, we've watched kids and their families in ***XOXO*** play, act silly, and consider what makes them sad, mad, and happy," said Lodge, "and on countless occasions have seen

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those wonderful sparks that ignite and illuminate important entry points to explore and discuss the powerful feelings that accompany love and forgiveness.”

XOXO: An Exhibit About Love & Forgiveness was created in 2014 by **Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh**, with support from **The Fetzer Institute**.

About the Mayborn Museum

The Mayborn Museum Complex at Baylor University provides a wide spectrum of learning opportunities to engage visitors of all ages.

The exhibits and education programs encourage families to learn together and design their own museum experience. This complex features a natural science and cultural history museum focusing on Central Texas with walk-in dioramas including one of the Waco Mammoth Site. The Mayborn Museum Complex also encompasses a multi-floor science discovery center encouraging hands-on learning for all ages and the Gov. Bill & Vara Daniel Historic Village. The nine wood frame buildings that comprise the village provide a glimpse into the past, bringing to life a community in the 1890s.

The museum’s hours are: **Monday-Saturday** 10am–5pm

Sunday 1pm–5pm

The museum is open all year long except for Baylor University home football games and the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Good Friday through Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The museum is located at 1300 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76706. For more information, call (254) 710-1110 or visit www.MaybornMuseum.com.

About Children’s Museum Pittsburgh

Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh is a place that delights and inspires children, where they can take off on fantastic flights of imagination daily, and return to earth to ink a silkscreen in The Studio, build and tinker with old and new technologies in MAKESHOP, pump and move water in all directions in the new Waterplay, much more. The Children’s Museum welcomes nearly 270, 000 visitors annually and provides tons of fun and loads of “real stuff” experiences for play and learning. Other interactive exhibit areas and experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity include The Garage, Theater, Nursery, and Backyard. In 2006 the Museum was honored by the American Institute for Architects and the National Historic Preservation Trust. The Children’s Museum won a 2009 National Medal for Museum and Library Service and in 2011 the Museum was named as one of the nation’s ten top children’s museums by Parents magazine. www.pittsburghkids.org

About The Fetzer Institute

The **Fetzer Institute** is an organization that works to foster awareness of the power of love and forgiveness in the emerging global community. www.fetzer.org/