



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

February 5, 2013

Tucson Children's Museum Family SciFest Event

Background

On February 16, 2013, the Tucson Children's Museum will hold its Family SciFest event, which is being held in conjunction with the Arizona SciTech Festival. The Arizona SciTech Festival is a statewide annual event taking place between February 9 and March 17, 2013 to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) based activities.

Through a series of over 200 expos, workshops, conversations, exhibitions and tours held in diverse neighborhoods throughout the state, the Arizona SciTech Festival excites and informs Arizonans of all ages about how STEM will drive our state for the next century. SciTech Festival organizers include the Arizona Science Center, Arizona Technology Council Foundation, Arizona Commerce Authority, Arizona State University and The University of Arizona.

The Tucson Children's Museum is a host organization for SciTech Festival activities in Tucson on February 16. As part of the Family SciFest event, the Museum will provide programming to the community where children and their families will participate in hands-on, science-themed activities, interactive experiments and demonstrations.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors allocate \$3,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Tucson Children's Museum to help underwrite free admissions to the Tucson Children's Museum Science Festival Activities on February 16, 2013 and to provide interactive programming through its partnerships with educators and local educational organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mjk – January 23, 2013