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## **Greensboro Children's Museum Unveils New Art**

**Greensboro, N.C.-** The Greensboro Children's Museum (GCM) held a public installation of *SkyLINK*, a sculpture by Brad Oldham and Christy Coltrin, on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm on the front plaza of the museum. The public art installation was the last element in the exterior expansion and renovations that have been taking place at the Museum over the last year.

*SkyLINK* reflects the theme of the museum's campaign of reaching greater heights through three interconnected rings that tower nearly 15 feet. Also featured on the sculpture are three *SpaceBIRDS* (adorned in visors and boots), which echo the museum's commitment to exploration. Additionally, the iconic infinity sculpture which has welcomed guests at the museum's entrance for years has been relocated to the parking lot entrance and will also receive Oldham's artistic touch. A fourth bird will perch on the infinity structure, as well as a secret message written in Morse code.

The artists commissioned for this project, Brad Oldham and Christy Coltrin, bring art, humor and beauty to life through sculptures and stories. The two have collaborated on public art installations and private commissions for more than eight years as business partners, and longer as a husband-wife team. After an extensive search and proposal process, the museum commissioned *SkyLINK* earlier this summer.

"We love the whimsical nature of Brad and Christy's work and feel that they have a way of telling a story that resonates with all ages" said Susan Schwartz, Chair of the artist selection committee and Executive Director of the Cemala Foundation.

The museum's expansion project and capital campaign "Reaching Greater Heights" officially began last October. Since that time, two European-imported 30-foot-tall Neptune XXL Climbers have been erected in the outdoor-play plaza, and are the only ones of their kind in the world. The front entrance and



lobby to the museum has also received a significant renovation to better accommodate school groups, community groups and families. Phase 2 of this campaign, an indoor, interactive water feature, will be installed in Summer of 2018.

### **About the Greensboro Children's Museum**

The Greensboro Children's Museum engages all children and families in hands-on, learning experiences which contribute to their growth and development through play, creation, outdoor exploration, and STEM activities. The Museum is home to more than 35,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor exhibits including 20 permanent hands-on exhibits in Our Town, an Edible Schoolyard garden and cooking school, and an outdoor climbing experience with double Neptune XXL Climbers reaching 30 feet high and surrounded by additional play structures. The Greensboro Children's Museum is a private 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization located in the Cultural District of Downtown Greensboro and relies on the donations of individuals, corporations and foundations to provide education through play for children in our community.

**For more information on the Greensboro Children's Museum visit [www.gcmuseum.com](http://www.gcmuseum.com).**

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