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The Glazer Children’s Museum Welcomes Seven Stellar Community Leaders to their Board of Directors

(Tampa, FL.) – The Glazer Children’s Museum is proud to announce that seven community leaders and early childhood advocates were nominated onto their Board of Directors on Tuesday, October 11. The nominees ranging from various career backgrounds were chosen to help establish the Museum’s future plans and direction as one of the top five Children Museums in the Nation. The nominees selected include Alissa McKee Ellison, Brian Kosoy, Brad Ford, Carlton Fleming, Gege Kreischer, Janette Carter Niewiarowski, and Seema Bhalani.

Alissa McKee Ellison is a member of the Appellate, Litigation, Class Action Defense, and Banking & Finance Practice Group. She represents financial institutions with respect to contractual defenses, Uniform Commercial Code defenses with an emphasis on class action defenses and appellate work. Alissa has been involved in over twenty successful appeals on behalf of her clients.

Brian Kosoy has served as Director, Corporate Communications at Tech Data Corporation since July 2014. In this role, he leads the strategic direction and management of Tech Data’s global Corporate Communications function, including internal and external communications, public relations, community relations and social media, ensuring alignment across the company’s various communication channels.

Brad Ford serves as President of Trademark Metals Recycling graduated from Kalamazoo College in 2001 with a degree in Economics. TMR is Florida’s largest metal recycling company and operates 23 metal recycling facilities across Florida. Ford’s expertise includes business, finance, marketing, and brand development.

Carlton Fleming, MBA, M.Ed. is currently partner TNTP, whose mission is to end the injustice of educational inequality by providing excellent teachers to the students who need them most and by advancing policies and practices that ensure teaching in every classroom. He’s also a shareholder at Sports & Entertainment Partners. Fleming’s expertise includes private equity, business development, funding, and investments.

Gege Kreischer, has been an early childhood professional for the past 38 years and has had the pleasure of teaching children, directing programs, coaching teachers and directors, and consulting on a variety of
early childhood projects. She has served on many local affiliate’s board of directors, ECA of Florida committees and Executive Board, and two NAEYC committees.

Janette Carter Niewiarowski is currently the Director of Marketing & Communications at Visit Tampa Bay. Niewiarowski’s expertise and skills includes development of strategic marketing plans, advertising, and direct marketing. She is an MBA graduate from the University of Tampa- John H. Sykes College of Business.

Seema Bhalani attended the University of Maryland and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting and an MBA from the University of Tampa. As the current Vice President of Finance for Florida Pain Medicine, she has worked to ensure the company has sound financial practices. Through her efforts, Florida Pain Medicine has grown from one physician and one location to a multi-physician company with six locations throughout the state of Florida. Seem is a devoted mother to three children and married to Dr. Maulik Bhalani.

As new Board of Director for the Glazer Children’s Museum, they will serve amongst a distinguished panel of 25 business, government, and civic leaders who help to establish and pursue the Museum’s direction, mission, vision and values. To see the entire list of the 2016 Board of Directors, visit GlazerMuseum.org.

About The Glazer Children’s Museum

Named one of the top five Children’s Museums in America, Glazer Children’s Museum is an innovative educational and culture resource for the Tampa region. Opened in Downtown Tampa in 2010, the Museum sits among skyscrapers as well as green space, and is a central part of the cultural corridor featuring other museums, libraries and a performing arts center. The mission of Glazer Children’s Museum is to create learning environments where children play, discover and connect to the world around them in order to develop as lifelong learners and leaders. The hands-on, minds-on Museum attracts more than 210,000 visitors annually with a 53,000 sq. ft. building full of themed galleries and 170 interactive exhibits for children aged birth to ten. A combination of permanent and traveling exhibits, comprehensive year-round educational programs, and dynamic special events provide children, parents, caregivers, and teachers a rich, cutting edge, ever-changing environment for playful learning. Glazer Children’s Museum, a 501c3 non-profit, also offers over 5,000 sq. ft. of event space, 2,500 sq. ft. of classroom space and a 1,000 sq. ft. roof top terrace overlooking the picturesque Downtown Riverwalk, along the Hillsborough River.