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Dear Friends and Members of the Children's Museum,

We are excited to be under construction at our new home at The Outlet Shoppes at Burlington! They are taping and mudding the areas in Phase I of construction this week. It's been exciting to see the space being transformed!

As you may have heard, after fifteen years in Skagit County and over ten years at Cascade Mall, the Children's Museum of Skagit County (CMSC) the Cascade Mall owners advised that CMSC needed to find to new home. **We were faced with the option of a move or closure.** Our new home at The Outlet Shoppes at Burlington offers:

BIGGER SPACE—15,400 total square feet (currently we have 11,000sf)

BETTER—New and Improved Exhibits, plus a Family Resource Center

BRIGHTER—Opportunity for Expansion of Programs/Space

CMSC remains in operation at the Cascade Mall. Following the completion of Phase I construction, the museum will move operations to the Outlet Shoppes at Burlington. Phase II of construction will be completed in the first half of 2019. There will be exciting new exhibits at our new space after Phase I of construction is completed. We don't anticipate any substantial museum closure during the transition; though there may be several days as we move computers and exhibit items, following Phase I completion.

We need the help of our community! We were not planning to have to make this move; our choices were to find a new home or potentially close our doors. We are thrilled to make the transition to a new home, and ensure that our community continues to have a children's museum available. There are many opportunities to participate in our relocation process! Our **"Bigger. Better. Brighter. Relocation Campaign"** will fund the new museum build out and relocation costs. Donations to this campaign can be made at the Museum or to our donation account at any Skagit Bank branch in the region. There are also many exhibit sponsorships available.

Your support will help us in our transition to our new location. Please let me know if there is any other information that we can provide to your organization. We can't wait to continue to grow and touch the lives of families in our new home! We also welcome gifts to support the museum in a general way, too. Your fully tax-deductible gifts are appreciated tremendously! CMSC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

With Best Regards and Wishes for Happy Holidays,

Cate Anderson
Executive Director

The mission of the Children's Museum of Skagit County is to promote, encourage and increase an understanding of the arts, science, culture and literature among the children, youth, families and educators in Skagit County and beyond.