

\$1 million donated to the Aurora Project by Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund

Edmonton, AB – June 17, 2021 – Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund (ECECAF) has given \$1 million in support of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s Aurora Project. This generous contribution means the science centre is now only \$650,000 away from reaching its \$41.5 million fundraising goal for the project. The science centre will recognize this gift through the *Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund Gallery* – home to its very popular early childhood development gallery, *CuriousCITY*.

“We are so thankful to ECECAF for supporting our vision to build a science centre that sparks curiosity and inspires our next generation,” said Alan Nursall, President & CEO at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. “*CuriousCITY* in the *Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund Gallery* brings families together and allows for our youngest scientists to explore and learn something new every time they come.”

CuriousCITY in the *Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund Gallery* feeds children’s growing curiosity and intelligence as they choose their own adventure in this safe and exploratory environment. As one of the science centre’s most beloved exhibits, the gallery encourages kids to engage, experiment and discover through Edmonton’s iconic buildings and bridges. ECECAF’s donation allows for critical early childhood education opportunities that build a strong foundation of learning in Edmonton’s youth and can help them grow intellectually, emotionally, and physically.

“Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund is excited for the opportunity to support Telus World of Science – Edmonton as they educate, intrigue, and amaze our community, especially within *CuriousCITY*,” said Roberta Hykawy, ECECAF Board Chair.

When the Aurora Project is complete in 2022, every gallery in the science centre will have been updated to address emerging trends in science and technology from a uniquely Albertan perspective. Guests will get to enjoy 20,000 square feet of new exhibition space which will include an Arctic Exhibition in the Newell Family Gallery and a Health Zone in the Allard Family Gallery.

The science centre is seeking donations from the community to complete the Aurora Project and build a space that makes science and technology accessible to all. Every donation makes a difference. Community members can donate and find out more information about the Aurora Project’s progress by visiting: twose.ca/aurora

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About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans’ hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.

About Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund (ECECAF)

ECECAF has been impacting the lives of Edmontonians since 1941. Comprised of nine participating unions and associations and 11,000 members, employee contributions allow for ECECAF to promote healthy communities. Over the past 25 years, they have contributed over \$21.5 million to Edmonton charities.