**HIGH POINT, N.C.** — The Board of Directors for the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum, opening in fall 2021, is excited to announce a major addition to the museum: a themed double-decker carousel. This two-story carousel carries 76 children and adults at a time. Families will ride together and choose among chariots, fantasy horses and other whimsical wildlife including dolphins, alligators and seahorses.

The carousel stands 40 feet tall with an Americana theme and a finial crowning at the top. The additional \$1,200,000 investment at the museum will have the functionality to operate independently for unique rentals and events. All of the carousel pieces will be hand crafted with each figure taking nearly 100 hours to create into full and colorful animals to ride. The carousel animals will all have movement, and the carousel has music that carries through the entire park and sparkling lights. The carousel will be one of the first exhibits guests see as they enter the children's museum grounds.

"The Double-Decker Carousel will really set the stage for visitors," said Jeremy Hiatt board member for the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum, "They'll see they are in for more than an educational experience. Delight and fun lay ahead too!"

Chance Rides Inc., which has been in operation since 1961 is in Wichita, Kansas. This is the same vendor that High Point University and the City of High Point collaborated with to construct the new train at City Lake Park in 2017.

The Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum will open this fall with more than 75,000 square feet of activity space. The museum will offer two floors packed with hands-on exhibits for kids of all ages including a kid-sized town called "Kids Point," Mars Academy, where children will prepare for an expedition to the red planet, the city's first STEAM Lab with LEGO (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) a cinema, Fit Lab and more.

Construction is underway now at 200 Montlieu Avenue in downtown High Point. For more information and to sign up for a mailing list, visit <a href="https://www.QubeinChildrensMuseum.org">www.QubeinChildrensMuseum.org</a> and follow the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum on <a href="https://www.qubeinchildrensmuseum.org">Facebook</a>.

## **About the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum:**

The Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum provides a space of wonder, discovery and play for all children and their families. We do this with a commitment to learning, inspiration and love of children so they can soar to new possibilities as they explore our community, our world and our universe.

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