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Photo Description:

BREC Commissioners, BREC Superintendent Carolyn McKnight, Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation Trustee Paul Pennington de la Bretonne and Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation President & CEO Lori Bertman gather with Knock Knock Founding Members at the future site of Knock Knock Children's Museum in BREC's City-Brooks Community Park to commemorate the children's museum moving forward.

### **Knock Knock Children's Museum Moving Forward**

East Baton Rouge Parish, LA — Knock Knock Children's Museum is moving forward in its development efforts after successfully completing its \$6 million Founding Members Campaign in December 2012. To recognize this accomplishment, the organization has erected a new sign at its future location on Dalrymple Drive in BREC's City-Brooks Community Park.

"Thanks to all the donors in our Founding Members Campaign, the project has great momentum," said Kelli Harton, Chairman, Knock Knock Children's Museum's Board of Directors. "As a board, we plan to use that energy as we look at taking the next steps towards opening the children's museum."

Knock Knock Children's Museum is now beginning to approach potential exhibit sponsors.

"We are so glad to be a part of making Knock Knock Children's Museum a reality for families in this area," said ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Chemical Plant Site Manager, Paul Stratford.

"ExxonMobil has a long history of supporting public education, and our partnership with the museum continues this tradition."

Knock Knock Founding Partners, BREC (the Park and Recreation Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge) and the Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation, join supporting community Founding Members to contribute to the completion of Knock Knock Children's Museum's Phase One campaign. The Founding Members are: Albemarle Foundation; All Star Automotive Group; Amedisys, Inc.; The Andreeff Foundation; Larry "Chip" Bankston, Jr. – *"In Memory of Graham Bankston"*; Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Company; The Boo Grigsby Foundation; Aza and Tim Bowlin; Brookwood Properties; Capital Area United Way; The City of Baton Rouge; Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge Foundation; ExxonMobil; The Frazer Family; The Douglas L. Gordon M.D. Family; Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers; Junior League of Baton Rouge, Lamar Advertising Company; Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry; Richard F. Manship; Daniel and Marcia Marsh Family; The Mary Charlotte and Lloyd Collette Fund – Terrell and Mary Kay Brown, Tee and Kate Brown; The McMains Foundation; Catherine and Matthew Saurage; Primary Care Plus; The Savoie Family – Tony and Carol Savoie, Thomas and Paula Savoie; SGS Petroleum Service Corporation – Cordell and Ava Haymon, Brian and Barbara Haymon; Waters & Pettit Commercial Real Estate; Kathy and Mike Worley; Knock Knock Founding Board of Directors.

Knock Knock Children's Museum is a private non-profit organization committed to making a positive difference for the Louisiana Capital Region by providing opportunities for young children (birth to 8 years old), their families and their caretakers to connect play with learning and education. Its mission is to create a best-in-class children's museum, delivering extraordinary play experiences and programs to inspire and promote young children's intellectual curiosity, self-expression and early literacy development. A community-wide campaign is currently underway for funding to build the museum at BREC's City-Brooks Community Park.

For more information about getting involved, please contact Knock Knock Project Director Melissa Bell at (225) 388-3090 or visit [www.KnockKnockMuseum.org](http://www.KnockKnockMuseum.org).