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Hands-on House Unveils A-Mazing Airways Feature

Lancaster, PA — Hands-on House, Children's Museum of Lancaster today opened a new exhibit feature, A-Mazing Airways. A \$30,000 investment, this pneumatic airway system will help teach children —and adults—about the properties of air and airflow. Balls and scarves swoosh through hundreds of feet of large five-inch clear rigid and flexible tubing as visitors discover how objects move through the multiple pathways.

A product of Mindsplash, Amazing Airways is the result of a three-year project funded by the National Science Foundation. The Airworks for Kids project included research into children's misconceptions about air, and development of exhibits designed to encourage children to ask questions about the power of air. Currently, the nearest A-Mazing Airways exhibits are in western Ohio and southern Virginia, making this installation a first for our region.

A-mazing Airways is part of the first phase of installation of HOH Construction Co., a new interactive exhibit slated to open early this year at Hands-on House, a nonprofit education center. Geared towards elementary-school ages, the exhibit will teach children about different occupations and trades in the construction field, supporting construction industry workforce development.

By mimicking aspects of a real jobsite, through the tools and the tasks of the trades and an emphasis on safety, HOH Construction Co. will allow children to learn through play. The goal of the exhibit is for children ages 2-10 to gain a developmentally appropriate understanding of the trades through hands-on activities and creative immersion. Officials also expect the exhibit to build awareness of construction-related careers for children and their families. HOH Construction Co. will include a two-story play structure and several high-impact STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) features, as well as a variety of props and plenty opportunity for free play allowing imaginations to flourish.

Hands-on House in the fall announced that Associated Builders and Contractors, Keystone Chapter, has committed to be the presenting sponsor for the HOH Construction Co. exhibit. The Manheim-based construction trade association represents more than 500 construction-related firms in the region.

Hands-on House, Children's Museum of Lancaster is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating landmark learning experiences for children and their families through play. The museum is designed for children ages 2–10 years old and includes interactive exhibits, a self-guided STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classroom, educational programs, and a play garden. For more information, visit our website at handsonhouse.org.

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