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**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES  
FIRST ENDOWMENT OF LEADERSHIP POSITION**

*Donation from The Davee Foundation Honors Museum's Long-Standing Commitment to  
Removing Barriers to Science Education*

**CHICAGO, IL (January 24, 2019)** – The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) today announced the first named position on its Leadership Team: The Ruth D. and Ken M. Davee Vice President of Education and Guest Services.

The donation from The Davee Foundation endowing the position will help MSI continue to reach more than 700,000 children per year with its educational programming in the Museum as well as in schools and communities through its groundbreaking Welcome to Science Initiative.

Andrea Ingram is The Ruth D. and Ken M. Davee Vice President of Education and Guest Services. Ingram joined MSI in 2006 to help MSI president and CEO David Mosenka realize his vision to provide children in and around Chicago with quality science education. Since then, Ingram and her team's youth-centered approach have redefined education programming at cultural institutions and reached over 4.6 million students, which includes:

- Engaging more than 276,000 students in their own neighborhoods through the Museum's community science network.
- Training and equipping more than 1,100 teachers to provide high-quality science learning to over 320,000 students.
- Supporting 1,000 teens with in-depth science experiences and leadership development.

"As the need for diversification in STEM fields continues to grow, the work we do to expose kids to what they can be remains critical," said David Mosenka, MSI president and CEO. "The Davee Foundation's support ensures that MSI can continue reaching record numbers of youth to help spark curiosity and cultivate the critical thinking skills that will be imperative to their success."

"MSI's unwavering dedication to inspiring youth has set the standard for what an institution can achieve," said James W. Dugdale Jr., president, The Davee Foundation. "We fully believe in the Museum's vision and are eager to see what milestones this endowment allows them to accomplish in the years to come."

**About The Welcome to Science Initiative**

The Welcome to Science Initiative helps children achieve their full potential in science by creating learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and removing barriers that exclude them from participating. Our unique youth-centered approach supports students and everyone involved their success—families, educators, schools and communities. Program strategies focus on improving the quality of science teaching in schools; connecting science to children wherever they are; and showcasing diversity in

STEM fields. We place a priority on serving schools and neighborhoods with predominantly low-income student populations.

### **About The Davee Foundation**

The Davee Foundation was founded in 1964 by Adeline B. and Ken M. Davee. It has primarily supported Chicago area institutions for over 50 years, with an emphasis on medical research, educational and cultural entities. When Mr. Davee passed away in 1998, his second wife, Ruth Dunbar Davee ran the Foundation until her death, at age 99, in 2011.

### **About MSI**

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering.

Come visit and find your inspiration! MSI is open 9:30–4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org) or call (773) 684-1414.

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