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Sensory-Friendly Mornings at the Buell Children’s Museum
Special Sensory-Modified Wednesdays Offered Free of Charge

(Pueblo, Colo.-January 9, 2020) The Buell Children’s Museum is opening early for our friends with sensory sensitivities! Program participants will have early access to the exhibits from 9 am - 11 am before the Museum opens to the public at 11 am. Sensory-friendly mornings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every other month beginning in February 2020, with the exception of the June date which will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The schedule is as follows: Feb 12, Apr 8, Jun 17, Aug 12, Oct 14 and Dec 9. These mornings are great times for children and families to play with the hands-on exhibits, explore the Artrageous Art Studio, and enjoy family time in a safe, accessible and welcoming environment.

This experience includes a sensory-modified setting, limited attendance, and sound and lighting adjustments. The Museum will also have a social story to help prepare families for their Museum experience. A social story is a tool to help readers understand what to expect on their visit and encourage feelings of comfort and safety. The Buell Children’s Museum will lower loud gallery sounds and roll out 'touch cartons' with sensory-friendly activities. Staff members will be on hand throughout the site to answer questions. On your first visit, grab a sensory map to see the space’s active and quiet spots and check out the sensory break room.

According to Zach Friberg, Curator of Learning, “These days will allow children with special sensory needs to enjoy the Buell Children’s Museum and all it has to offer in an atmosphere keyed to those needs.”

There is no charge for these special days thanks to the sponsorship of NTSOC (Nursing and Therapy Services of Colorado), however, space is limited to 30 children and reservations are required. For more information or to reserve your space, visit sdc-arts.com/museum/sensory.

About NTSOC:
NTSOC is a nonprofit organization providing the pediatric disability community in southern Colorado with compassionate quality nursing-supervised home care and case management. Through a Certified Nursing Aide training program, NTSOC produces top-notch CNAs. NTSOC is also contracted with the State of Colorado to provide case management services for the Children’s Home and Community-Based Services (C-HCBS) Medicaid Waiver Program. For more information, please visit ntsoc.com.

About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center:
The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three-building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. The Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance, and leisure classes are available quarterly providing unique offerings to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels. Admission to the Arts Center is $8 for adults, $6 for children, seniors 65+, and military. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98B, or visit online at www.sdc-arts.org.

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