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THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE HOSTED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR ITS NEWEST TRAVELING EXHIBIT: WILD KRATTS: CREATURE POWER!

The traveling exhibit, presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, will run through May 7, 2023

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (January 27, 2023) – The Museum of Discovery & Science (MODS) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest traveling exhibit: Wild Kratts: Creature Power!, presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, on Friday, January 20. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held with Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS and Caitlin Stella, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

The audience included children from Greater Horizons Academy, North Lauderdale Children's Academy, Oakland Park Academy and Our Children's Workshop who experienced a first-hand look at the exhibit and have a close-up encounter with a live turtle. Exhibit activities include:

- Slip through the underbrush like a jaguar, swing through trees like a monkey, ride a slide like an emperor penguin and hang on a rope like a sloth in the tropical rainforest.
- Learn about Australian kangaroos, platypuses and koalas.
- Become an Antarctic penguin and slide off an ice shelf, peer underwater and balance on an ice floe.
- Get a new perspective on your own neighborhood as you "miniaturize" to go eye-to-eye with beetles and birds, see flowers as butterflies do, catch lunch like a bullfrog and create a creature chorus.

Based on the PBS Kids series, *Wild Kratts: Creature Power!* is all about discovering wild animals and their "creature powers." The exhibit, which features animal experts Chris and Martin Kratt and a cast of heroes and villains familiar to fans, harnesses children's natural curiosity and interest in animals by providing meaningful, inquiry-based STEM experiences in which children use critical thinking skills to discover amazing creature powers.

High resolution images can be downloaded here:

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- P1. Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS and Caitlin Stella, CEO, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
- P2. Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS and Caitlin Stella, CEO, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
- P3. Wild Kratts: Creature Power! Exhibit

P4. Kids playing at the *Wild Kratts: Creature Power!* Exhibit P5. Kids playing at the *Wild Kratts: Creature Power!* Exhibit (*Photos Courtesy of Michael Murphy Photography*)

The exhibit is free with Museum admission and tickets can be purchased online at mods.org/tickets or at the Museum box office upon arrival. For more information, please visit mods.org.

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About the Museum of Discovery and Science:

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. MODS connects people to inspiring science, providing STEM education and cultural experiences for 450,000+ visitors annually in the 150,000 sq. ft. facility. MODS is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) for three decades (only 3% of science museums are accredited for excellence and leadership in the field). In the past year, MODS has added to that distinction by being named *Broward's Hub for Resilience Education* by the Board of the Community Foundation of Broward, selected by the LEGO Foundation as one of only 12 museums nationwide to join the *Playful Learning Museum Network* and was selected as one of 15 finalists for the prestigious *2022 IMLS National Medal for Museum Service*.

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit mods.org or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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About Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital:

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is one of the nation's leading pediatric hospitals, offering a comprehensive scope of healthcare services and programs in a caring, compassionate setting designed specifically for children. A level one trauma center, it combines advanced technology, the expertise of board-certified specialists, and a patient and family-centered approach to heal the body, mind, and spirit of those it touches.

The hospital's nonprofit <u>foundation</u> focuses on philanthropy to positively impact patients, families, and underwrite programs, facilities and equipment that support the pediatric facility's mission.

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