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I am writing to express our strong support for the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum (BDCM) and the concept of using the downstairs of the Bedford Building for their museum. We believe this partnership would bring tremendous benefit to the community and specifically to the families we serve at Ravalli Start, particularly those from low-income backgrounds who may not have access to similar resources.

At Headstart, we strive to provide children with enriching experiences that foster curiosity, learning, and development. BDCM's hands-on exhibits and programs align perfectly with these goals, offering children unique opportunities to explore, discover, and grow. Since its launch in 2023, BDCM has already impacted thousands of families in Ravalli County, and the addition of a permanent space will allow them to offer even more consistent programming to the community.

Access to a local children's museum is especially important for the families we serve. Some low-income parents work multiple jobs and have limited time or resources to provide additional learning experiences for their children. BDCM's affordable admission and extended hours would ensure that all families can benefit from the museum's educational programs. The support BDCM offers would help children build important academic and life skills, enhancing their school readiness and long-term success.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to the positive impact this collaboration will have on our community.

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