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LDCM launches *House Calls* educational outreach

Media to get a look at new program October 1 at North Las Vegas school

September 10, 2009 – LAS VEGAS – Lied Discovery Children's Museum recently launched a new educational outreach program, *House Calls* Health and Science Outreach, just in time for the Clark County School District's fall semester.

The program, fully subsidized for CCSD students for its pilot year in 2009-2010, offers hands-on health science curriculum, delivered directly to local classrooms by a professional museum educator. *House Calls* offers specialized programming for each grade level, kindergarten through fifth grade, and the museum is taking reservations.

The creation of *House Calls* was possible due to a generous gift from Dr. Joe and Joan Lapan, longtime museum supporters. Dr. Lapan's tremendous contributions to the Las Vegas pediatric medical community also inspired the name of the program. Dr. Lapan, now retired, formerly served as chief of pediatrics at Nellis Air Force Base Hospital and the Lapan Foundation has supported the Nevada Special Children's Clinic, Easter Seals, St. Jude's Ranch and other organizations.

Local media will get a chance to see *House Calls* in action from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, when the program will visit Wilhelm Elementary School, 609 West Alexander Road in North Las Vegas. Lied Discovery Children's Museum staff and Dr. Joe and Joan Lapan are scheduled to attend to provide additional information about the development of *House Calls*.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum is located at 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North in downtown Las Vegas and features over 100 interactive exhibits in the arts, sciences and humanities for children and families. For more information, visit www.ldcm.org or call (702) 382-3445.



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