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### **RIVERS CASINO PORTSMOUTH ENHANCES INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA THROUGH EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

**PORTSMOUTH, VA, 10/23/20** – The Portsmouth Museums Foundation is pleased to announce that Rivers Casino Portsmouth has made an additional investment of \$20,000 in the Children’s Museum of Virginia. This award will further advance education at the museum and is designated for multi-faceted initiatives including virtual and classroom-based delivery of specific exhibitions and programmatic aspects of the museum, including the Beazley Planetarium, as well as teacher professional development.

This award by Rivers Casino Portsmouth closely follows the organization’s generous \$5,000 Presenting Sponsorship of the 2020 Bunny Hop 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run, which also benefits the museum. Congratulations to overall winner Gwen Gunter (0:19:32), who is joined by Stephen Korving as overall male winner (0:23:32). Ms. Gunter also won the overall female category. Connor Maier won the 1-mile portion of the race (13:44).

City of Portsmouth Director of Museums Nancy S. Perry commented, “We are very appreciative of Rivers Casino Portsmouth’s ongoing support of our efforts at the Children’s Museum of Virginia. With this funding, we will be able to reach students, teachers and families in a creative way that meets a host of needs as we continue to navigate learning in this environment.”

“So many families are challenged right now to continue the education and cultural enrichment for their kids. We applaud the efforts of the Children’s Museum of Virginia for keeping students, teachers and families connected,” said Jacob Oberman, senior vice president of development for Rush Street Gaming. “We’re proud to support the great work that they’re doing.”

Rivers Casino Portsmouth operator Rush Street Gaming supports local organizations that improve the quality of life for residents and families in all cities of operation. With ongoing commitments to education, health and

safety, food banks, veterans and more—Rush Street’s contributions to its host communities are transformative. Additionally, casino staff donates thousands of hours per year to support neighborhood organizations through a companywide initiative called “Rivers Gives.”

Established in 1980, the Children’s Museum of Virginia (CMVA) is the largest children’s museum in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The museum nurtures children’s imaginations and establishes a lifelong love of learning through fun, dynamic, interactive and educational exhibits, programs and activities.

The mission of the Portsmouth Museums Foundation is to generate private and public funds for the Children’s Museum of Virginia, and to serve as the receiving agent for funds benefiting all of Portsmouth’s City museums and related projects, in partnership with the City of Portsmouth.