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### **Michelle Jordan Joins Stepping Stones Museum for Children as Director of External Relations**

Norwalk, CT, January 7, 2009 – Stepping Stones Museum for Children, a private non-profit organization, is pleased to announce Michelle Jordan has been appointed its new director of external relations. With more than 20 years of experience at PepsiCo Inc., Jordan has a broad and diverse background in developing key corporate philanthropic programs. Most recently, Jordan served as senior manager of strategic community partnerships at PepsiCo, and developed national community programs such as *SmartSpot Dance* and *Escalera* with the National Council of LaRaza, the National Urban League, *America on the Move* and the YMCA, positioning PepsiCo as a leader in the areas of health and wellness and education.

“We’re delighted to have Michelle join the Stepping Stones team,” said Rhonda Kiest, executive director of Stepping Stones Museum for Children. “Michelle brings a wealth of knowledge in building community partnerships, leadership development and strong volunteer programs. She will be a tremendous asset as we move forward into the next phase of the museum’s expansion plan.”

Jordan has also served on several boards including the Organization of Chinese Americans, League of United Latin American Citizenship, the YWCA Camping Services New York City and past chair of the National Hispanic Corporate Council.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children, a 501(c)3 private non-profit, is an award-winning children's museum committed to broadening and enriching the lives of children. Museum exhibits, educational programs and special events complement efforts in schools, childcare centers and homes. With four main galleries, a toddlers-only gallery and more than 100 hands-on activities, Stepping Stones offers children ten and under plenty to explore and discover. To learn more and for museum hours, visit [steppingstonesmuseum.org](http://steppingstonesmuseum.org).

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