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**Benedum Foundation  
Announces Election of new  
Trustee**

PITTSBURGH (March 17, 2016) - The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation announced that Esther L. Barazzone has stepped down as a Trustee of the Foundation and has been elected Trustee Emerita. Jane Werner, Executive Director of the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, has been elected to replace Dr. Barazzone, effective March 9, 2016.

Ms. Werner has been with the Children's Museum since 1991, and has served as Executive Director since May 1999. The Children's Museum serves 300,000 visitors annually at its site on the North Side, and reaches another 50,000 through outreach. These figures represent a 277% growth during her tenure, which has also seen a growth in endowment from \$300,000 to \$8.3 million.

She is nationally recognized for her knowledge as to what makes a museum thrive, and how children best learn not only in a museum, but in all settings both in and out of school. She is a leader in the "Maker Movement," which engages children in learning through creativity.

Dr. Barazzone, who will retire on June 30, 2016, after a very distinguished career as President of Chatham University, has served the Benedum Foundation as a Trustee for 13 years. The Foundation will continue to draw upon her extensive knowledge and commitment to the region to further the mission of the Foundation.

The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation was established in 1944 by Michael and Sarah Benedum, natives of West Virginia, as a memorial to their only child, Claude Worthington Benedum, who died in 1918 at the age of 20. The Foundation is a regional foundation focusing primarily on West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information on the Foundation, please see: [www.benedum.org](http://www.benedum.org).

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