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Discovery Gateway Children's Museum CEO Kathleen Bodenlos Named a 2026 Titan 100, Invited to Join Titan 100 Board of Directors

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Kathleen Bodenlos, CEO of Discovery Gateway Children's Museum, has been named a 2026 Salt Lake City Titan 100, recognizing her among the state's most inspirational and accomplished business leaders. Bodenlos will be formally honored at the Titan 100 awards event on August 27, 2026, at the Grand Ballroom, Utah State Fairpark.

In addition to the Titan 100 award, Bodenlos was invited to join the national Titan 100 Board of Directors, an honor extended to only a small number of CEOs across the country. The invitation recognizes her leadership within the Titan 100 community and her track record guiding the Children's Museum through a period of sustained growth and substantial work towards removing traditional barriers of entry for cultural and informal education access.

"This recognition reflects the work of our entire team at the Children's Museum, not just my own," said Bodenlos. "Every day, our staff and board work to make sure every child in our community has a place to imagine, discover, and connect, regardless of the barriers they may face. Joining the Titan 100 Board of Directors gives me a chance to bring that mission into conversation with business leaders across the country, and to bring back what I learn from them to strengthen the work we're doing here in Salt Lake City."

Kathleen Bodenlos has strategically and executively led the Children's Museum since 2020, a period marked by measurable growth in community access and impact. Under her leadership, the museum's Museum Inclusion Fund grew to 1,305 covered redemptions in FY26, a 50% increase year-over-year, while the Access for All program, which accepts SNAP-EBT, served 15,187 individuals, together representing more than \$210,000 in direct access value provided to families facing financial barriers. Bodenlos has also led the museum through its most ambitious capital project to date: a new rooftop garden exhibit, set to become the largest of its kind in a U.S. children's museum, with more than \$344,000 already secured toward its \$1 million budget ahead of a Summer 2027 opening. She was previously named Utah Business CEO of the Year in 2024.

Titan 100 recognizes CEOs and C-level executives for their leadership excellence, community impact, and commitment to growth. Honorees are selected through a nomination and review process and join a national network spanning multiple U.S. markets.

About Discovery Gateway Children's Museum

Discovery Gateway Children's Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires children of all ages and abilities to imagine, discover, and connect with their world to make a difference. Now in its fifth decade, the museum reaches over 175,000 children, educators, caregivers, and families annually in Salt Lake City, and provides free daily access to 16 nonprofit partner organizations through its Museum Inclusion Fund. The Children's Museum is currently building the Children's Rooftop Greenhouse Exhibit, set to become the largest rooftop garden in a children's museum in the United States.