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DOUG YOUNG AND MICHAEL DEBELL HONORED AS ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER LIFETIME TRUSTEES

PHOENIX (MAY 15, 2019) – Arizona Science Center recently honored two longtime supporters and board members, G. Douglas Young and Michael A. DeBell, with the designation of Lifetime Trustee in recognition of their tireless efforts and transformational impact over their many years of service to the Center.

Young joined Arizona Science Center’s board in 1983, just before the Center opened its doors on the bottom floor of the Hyatt Regency Phoenix parking garage in February 1984. With his wisdom in finance, Young played a key role in laying the foundation for the financial success of the organization. Additionally, he continues to provide advice on corporate and non-profit strategy to aid in the Center’s long-term strategic planning process. As Treasurer and Board Chair (2010–2012), Young navigated the Center through difficult financial times – personally mentoring executive staff and Board alike, and implemented long-term financial mechanisms and tools that continue to be instrumental to the financial health of the Center today.

“Doug’s tireless support and generosity continue to inspire me daily. I can’t thank him enough for always pushing the Center to new heights,” says Chevy Humphrey, The Hazel A. Hare President & CEO of Arizona Science Center. “Throughout his service, he has encouraged the Board and staff to think differently and has had unparalleled commitment to the Center and its success.”

In 2003, DeBell joined Arizona Science Center’s Board of Trustees and served as Board Chair from 2008 to 2010. During his tenure as Chair, he successfully led the Board and the nearly \$30 million *The Future of Education is Science* Campaign during a time of global economic downturn. Known for his thought leadership, inventiveness, and ingenuity, DeBell has been instrumental in the organization’s master planning and strategic planning efforts. DeBell’s impact can most often be felt by guests interacting with exhibits on any of the Center’s four levels, as he continues to incite the exhibits team to think differently and take risks.

“Mike’s impact stretches far beyond the numbers,” says Humphrey. “He has influenced many of the most innovative exhibits in the Center’s history, making a difference through his creativity, innovation, and leadership. Mike’s leadership has positioned the Center as a leader in our industry. And, his

commitment that men and women should be afforded the same opportunities, helps to drive the success of mission-critical programming like Girls In STEM.”

This honor is a tribute to the commitment and passion of Young and DeBell and their support of Arizona Science Center, which each year provides more than 800K children and families with an unforgettable, educational experience.

About the Arizona Science Center

The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, the state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium and the five-story Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater. CREATE at Arizona Science Center®, adjacent to the main building, is the newest addition. This 6,500 square-foot community makerspace provides workshops, including 3D printing, laser cutting, woodworking and sewing. The Center offers programs for all ages, including Camp Innovation, Teen Science Scene, Professional Development and Learning for Educators, and adults’ night out: Science With A Twist. For further details, please visit azscience.org.

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