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Explora Commemorates National Day of Racial Healing with Two-Day Feature Celebration!

Albuquerque, NM – Explora is proud to partner with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to bring you an impactful, two-day celebration commemorating the 7th Annual National Day of Racial Healing. Racial healing builds trust and authentic relationships and bridges divides amongst our communities, longing for strength, fortitude, and a sense of wholeness—and Explora is honored to facilitate this free event for the public.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2023 from 7:30pm-9:30pm, please join us at Explora for dinner and a watch party of the primetime town halls on MSNBC and Noticias Telemundo, broadcast in partnership with NBCUniversal, which will discuss the advancement of racial equality through the experiences of healing and collaboration. Then on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 2:00pm-5:30pm, teens will gather in Explora's brand new X Studio for the Teen Summit on Racial Healing to share their stories and experiences, enjoy creative activities and reflection, and advance equity together. Later on the 21st, from 5:30pm-7:30pm, we'll have local food trucks, live music, community partners, and hands-on exploration of Explora for the entire community to share and enjoy!

Solomon Gbara, an Explora intern and panelist for Saturday's Teen Summit, had this to share in anticipation: "I'm very excited to be a part of the NDORH, as it gives me the opportunity to engage with likeminded people in a community that we all share. I get the chance to listen to the stories of those who have different backgrounds from me, while better understanding their perspectives. The ultimate outcome I'd like to gain from this project is that we get one step closer to making this community a place of opportunity, healing, and inspiration for others, and in turn encouraging others to do the same in their communities."

For more information and to register for these events, visit: <https://www.explora.us/programs/>.

About Explora and X Studio: Explora is a science center and children's museum in Albuquerque, with a mission of creating opportunities for inspirational discovery and the joy of lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Explora serves thousands of people of all backgrounds

each year and is dedicated to improving New Mexico's educational and economic outcomes. The museum employs a hands-on, inquiry-based learning approach to science, math and art. The museum has 20,000 square feet of exhibit space on two floors, which contain over 250 interactive exhibits that cover a broad range of science, technology and art. Notable exhibits include a laminar flow fountain, a paradox bar, and a high-wire bike suspended two stories above ground. In addition to the exhibits, the building houses a performance theater, gift store, multiple educational program areas, an in-house exhibit workshop and staff offices. In addition, Explora offers year-round educational in-house and outreach programs, science-based Adult nights, and community partnership events.

X Studio, a 8,000-square-foot building expansion, is Explora's new teen center: a place to hang out, experiment, create, and learn. X Studio brings teens and their dreams together with cutting-edge tools, technologies, and mentors—all with a focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). X Studio is defined by the visions and dreams of teens, community members, STEM educators and STEM employers—all who collaborated to build X Studio and the STEM in the Burque exhibition featured in its main gallery. Teens are our future, and X Studio is their one-stop shop to explore, hang out, and discover pathways to great jobs that solve big problems and pay well.

About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal innovator and entrepreneur Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special attention is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more information, visit www.wkkf.org.

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