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Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee to begin North American Tour

LAS VEGAS – The groundbreaking human rights exhibition *Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee*, created in Las Vegas by Lied Discovery Children's Museum and sponsored by Pamela and Pierre Omidyar, will open its North American tour in March at the Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo, Texas.

Designed to educate children ages 8-12 what it means to be a refugee, *Torn From Home* provides visitors an opportunity to learn about and discuss the challenges faced by families all over the world. After making its debut last year at Lied Discovery Children's Museum, the 1,500-square-foot exhibition begins its tour in Amarillo from March 7 through May 17 before moving on to the InfoZone News Museum in Pueblo, Colo., from May 30 to September 6.

The exhibition will visit Greensboro, N.C., in January 2010 before returning to Las Vegas and Lied Discovery Children's Museum in September 2010. More future tour stops include Boston, Atlanta, Indianapolis and two museums in Canada.

"This tour is an incredible opportunity for the museum, which is so proud to have helped create *Torn From Home* and fashion such important subject matter into an age-appropriate exhibition," said Linda Quinn, Lied Discovery Children's Museum Executive Director. "But the greater accomplishment is raising awareness about the plight of young refugees all over the world, and allowing children to relate to their experiences."

In an official letter read at the June 14, 2008 opening of the exhibition, U.S. Sen. Harry Reid congratulated the museum on the exhibition: "Through this exhibit, children can begin to understand how devastating natural and political disasters can be to people, and why we must endeavor to help as many people as we can."

For more information, visit www.tornfromhome.com. For more information on Lied Discovery Children's Museum, visit www.ldcm.org or call (702) 382-3445.