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**Two Moons Are Better than One.
The Moon Village Association and For All Moonkind Announce Partnership.**

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Los Angeles, USA - (November 5, 2018) – The Moon Village Association and For All Moonkind have announced a new agreement to enhance and expand cooperative efforts to explore and utilize outer space and establish a human community on the Moon.

The goal of the Moon Village Association is to foster international cooperation for existing or planned international Moon exploration programs, be they public or private, and to promote international discussions and formulations of plans to foster the implementation of a Moon village. For All Moonkind is the only organization in the world committed to assuring that universal human heritage in outer space is preserved and protected, and to encouraging international cooperation in this regard to underpin all future human space exploration.

The two nonprofit organization entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), signed on November 4 by Michelle Hanlon, co-founder of For All Moonkind and Giuseppe Reibaldi, Moon Village Association President, by which they agree to work in concert to achieve their common goals.

The MOU sets out general principles of mutual cooperation. Recognizing the vital need to increase outreach and awareness raising activities, the two organization have committed specifically to work together to develop and distribute publications directed to school-age children. The materials will cover all aspects of the Moon from robotics and resource utilization to cultural matters including Moon myths, art and entertainment on the Moon, to concepts of daily habitation in the harsh Moon environment. The materials will be designed to offer students of all ages both educational and inspirational views of the Moon, preservation and space exploration.



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Giuseppe Reibaldi, President of the Moon Village Association said “The concept of a Moon Village embraces the vision of a community on the Moon as the foundation for human expansion into the rest of the solar system and universe. It is important that the Moon Village consider social aspects as well as technological aspects of community development, and For All Moonkind reminds us all of the significance of our own history. We also recognize that outreach plays a vital role in the success of our future, and we look forward to sharing the opportunities of space directly with students.”

Michelle Hanlon, co-founder of For All Moonkind said “We are committed to assuring the sustainable evolution of humans into a spacefaring species, we believe success starts with preservation. And we are deeply gratified that the Moon Village Association recognizes the importance of history as a foundational aspect of any civilization. We are tremendously excited by this opportunity to introduce children to the Moon, and humankind’s incredible achievements.”

About the Moon Village Association

The Moon Village Association (MVA) was created in 2017 as non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna. Its goal is the creation of a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the general public interested in the development of the Moon Village. The MVA is the assembling of all efforts from private, governments and others aimed to explore and use the Moon in a sustainable manner. Therefore, it is not a literal village on the Moon, it is not an ‘International Space Station on the Moon’, and it is not a single science facility. The MVA fosters cooperation for existing or planned moon exploration programs, be they public or private initiatives. It comprises approximately 150 members from more than 34 countries, representing a diverse array of technical, scientific, cultural and interdisciplinary fields. MVA partners with non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the development of the Moon Village and is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world.

About For All Moonkind

For All Moonkind, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to protect each of the six human lunar landing and similar sites in outer space as part of our common human heritage. Recently named a Permanent Observer to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and a “Top Ten Innovator” in Space by Fast Company Magazine, we challenge the international community – sovereign nations, national space agencies and commercial entities – to join us in addressing the void left by current space law in respect of human heritage in space. Our entirely volunteer team of space lawyers, policymakers, scientists and communicators are working to develop reasonable and practical protocols that will balance development and preservation and include systems to select, manage and study relevant sites. In so doing, we seek to promote the exploration and development and open the debate on equally pressing issues of property and resource extraction. Learn more: ForAllMoonkind.org

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