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Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Awards \$50,000 Strategic Technology Grant
The Children's Museum Will Upgrade Technology Equipment and Systems

WEST HARTFORD March 25, 2009 – Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded a \$50,000 Strategic Technology Grant to The Children's Museum. The Museum will put this grant towards computer hardware and systems, software, and staff training. The grant was awarded through the Hartford Foundation's Nonprofit Support Program, which offers assessments, workshops and grants to help strengthen the organizational capacity of nonprofits.

"We're so grateful to Hartford Foundation for Public Giving," said Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum. "This generous gift will allow us to complete our three-year strategic technology improvement plan. Upgrades to our technology equipment help us serve our public – the children and families who visit our museum and the young students whose classrooms we visit with our education outreach programs. These improvements help us strive toward our mission of being a first-class provider of science education."

The Children's Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for the 29-town Capitol Region, devoted to building successful partnerships with donors and nonprofits to enhance the quality of life for people in the community. The Foundation's Nonprofit Support Program provides grants, assessments, low-interest loans, consultation, and training programs to help strengthen the effectiveness of small to mid-sized nonprofit organizations in Greater Hartford. For more information about the Hartford Foundation, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.

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