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**The Children's Museum to  
Host a Fun-Filled Evening of  
Activities to Celebrate Earth  
Day 2008**

**April 2, 2008 West Hartford, CT...**The Children's Museum in West Hartford will be celebrating Earth Day 2008 on Saturday evening April 19th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. rain or shine. Earth Day 2008 is sponsored in part by Cabot Creamery.

The evening will include nature activities and crafts to take home,

special animal demonstrations with some of our animal sanctuary's residents, a roaring bonfire with music, special Earth Day presentations in the new Travelers Science Dome and telescope observing. There will also be some special animal visitors from the Forest Park Zoo. Face painting will be available and the Department of Environmental Protection will have a Connecticut wildlife booth on display. The entire Museum will also be open and available for families to explore all of the Museum's regular exhibits and displays including the brand new exhibit *Excavation Station: Dinosaurs, Rocks and Fossils* as well as the recently opened nature photography exhibit: *A Day's Journey into Our National Parks* by Avon resident James Liddy.

Earth Day 2008 broadens the base of support for environmental programs, rekindles the public's commitment to the environment and builds community activism around the world through a broad range of events and activities. "We are excited to be sponsoring one of the many events held around the world to commemorate this yearly celebration. We have a great evening of activities planned that will not only be fun but also encourage environmental stewardship," said Cindy King, the Director of the Wildlife Sanctuary at The Children's Museum.

The Children's Museum has a long history of providing hands-on learning focused on science based education for younger children and families. One of the state's major attractions, each year it serves nearly 200,000 children and their families. The Children's Museum is also home to the new Travelers Science Dome at the

Gengras Planetarium, wildlife and interactive science exhibits, as well as science based outreach programs in the elementary school system statewide. The Children's Museum offers one of the longest running early childhood education centers in the nation at The Children's Museum Preschool. Additionally, the Museum's Roaring Brook Nature Center in nearby Canton offers natural science and history exhibits and programs, a wildlife sanctuary, nature trails and outdoor gardens. With the recent recommitment of support from the State of Connecticut and the Town of West Hartford, The Children's Museum is poised to begin an exciting new chapter in its 80-year history with plans to relocate and expand at a new facility over the next few years.

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