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THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GIVES UCONN THE BIRDS

Partners in Preserving State's Ecological History

April 3, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...In a new partnership to help preserve Connecticut's ecological history, The Children's Museum in West Hartford has donated a valuable collection of bird eggs and study skins to the University of Connecticut's biological collections. No longer exhibited by the Museum, the ornithological materials will now be part of cataloguing the state's biodiversity and better understanding how bird diversity in Connecticut is changing in response to land use changes, pollution and other environmental factors.

Said Connecticut's State Ornithologist Margaret Rubega, "These specimens will contribute to the education of present and future

students in biology, ecology and evolution, and to our research mission. We are pleased to be able to partner with you in providing a secure repository for these valuable materials as The Children's Museum expands and moves to new facilities.”

Added Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum, “As a proud alumnus, I hope this is just the beginning of the many ways we can work with the University of Connecticut.”

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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