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EYES ON THE PRIZES: BEST KIDS ATTRACTION & TOP MUSEUM AWARDS FOR THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

April 17, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...The Children's Museum took double honors this month as one of the top attractions in the region. The Museum was the runner up "Best Kids Attraction" in *Hartford Magazine's* "5th Annual Best of Hartford" and one of the top three winners in the *Advocate's* "Best of Hartford Readers' Poll." This is the first time that The Children's Museum has won in the *Advocate* competition but the fourth year that *Hartford Magazine* readers have placed it as a "Best Kids Attraction."

Located in West Hartford and at the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, The Children's Museum offers education and fun to over 200,000 children and parents annually – Connecticut's largest museum

attraction. The Museum is home to the state-of-the art Travelers Science Dome digital theater at its Gengras Planetarium, UTC Wildlife Sanctuary, and the recently opened “Excavation Station” dinosaur exhibit and fossil dig site. The Children’s Museum also offers classes, day camps, special programs and extensive science outreach education in area schools. It is the only children’s museum the nation to offer such a wide range of science and nature-based programming for children and families.

Said President and CEO Kevin Sullivan, “In this election year, we thank the voters in these two reader polls who continue to help keep our eyes on the prize – science learning that is fun. At a time when we have the highest levels of attendance and membership in years, this is another vote of confidence for our kid-sized, family-friendly and hands-on approach. As The Children’s Museum plans for a new and expanded home in West Hartford, as well as more partnerships with schools and other science museums, the best is yet to come.”

The Children’s Museum was founded in 1927.

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