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Melissa Skottegaard Joins The Children's Museum Board of Trustees

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., May 7, 2009 – The Children's Museum welcomes Melissa Skottegaard to its Board of Trustees. A resident of Simsbury, Conn., Skottegaard is Vice President, Corporate Communications for The Hartford.

"We are so pleased to have Melissa join us. Her communications expertise and professional experience will be a great asset to the Board of Trustees and to our mission to engage families and children in science learning," said Elaine McDonald, Chair of The Children's Museum Board of Trustees.

Skottegaard has over 13 years of experience in global communications and strategic corporate social responsibility. She received a master's degree in communications from the University of Denver and a bachelor's degree in psychology and biology from the University of Colorado.

The Children's Museum offers over 100 live animals, hands-on science exhibits, 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.

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