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A Child's World Fundraiser a Huge Success for The Children's Museum

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., May 13, 2009 – Over 250 guests had a world of fun at “A Child's World,” The Children's Museum's 13th annual fundraiser on May 9 at Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield. All proceeds will support the extensive science and nature education initiatives offered by The Children's Museum at its main location in West Hartford, at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, and in classrooms across the state.

Hosts Kara Sundlun and Dennis House from WFSB Channel 3, as well as auctioneer Howard Koeppel, made it a very lively evening. This year the event also included a science fair midway with live animals, star-gazing, and fun with science experiments. In addition to enjoying dinner, guests bid on an amazing selection of auction items -- including a trip to Costa Rica, a spa retreat in California, his and hers designer watches, and a life-sized resin and fiberglass astronaut sculpture. The event raised over \$200,000.

Museum President and CEO Kevin Sullivan said, “The fundraiser matched last year's huge success and is a real testament to what people value about The Children's Museum even in these difficult economic times. We are so grateful to all our sponsors and contributors who continue to invest in our children, families, and communities. Our schools cannot do it alone, so it is more important than ever that The Children's Museum continues to offer teaching, learning and hands-on fun that will improve science achievement and attainment. Better yet, we all had a great time doing it at our annual fundraiser.”

The Children's Museum gives special thanks to presenting sponsor, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., and lead sponsors TD Banknorth and Travelers, hosts Kara Sundlun and Dennis House, auctioneer Howard Koeppel, and Tumble Brook Country Club for an incredible and memorable evening.

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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WFSB Channel 3 news anchors Dennis House and Kara Sundlun host A Child's World, The Children's Museum's 13th annual fundraiser, on May 9, 2009.



(l-r) Ellen Brown, Julian Coolidge, Christine Bromberg and Matthew Bromberg at A Child's World, The Children's Museum's 13th Annual Fundraiser, on May 9, 2009.



Elizabeth Horyn enjoys an evening of fun with science and nature at A Child's World, The Children's Museum's 13th Annual Fundraiser, on May 9, 2009.