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NEW TRUSTEES AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

June 2, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...Three new members are joining the Board of Trustees at The Children's Museum. The new trustees:

Jeffrey Flaks of Avon, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Hartford Hospital. Flaks was named in 2001 as an "Up & Comer" by Modern Healthcare magazine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives, past Trustee of George Washington University, and has a distinguished career in health care management. Flaks is a graduate of Ithaca College and George Washington University.

Susan Palisano of Columbia, Director of Education Initiative at the collaborative Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc., in East Hartford, Connecticut. Palisano promotes project-based science education programs in schools, colleges and universities nationwide. She also serves on the state's eLearning and Content Advisory Council. Palisano is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Brown University.

Robert Wiener of Avon, is Managing Partner at Blue Back Square, LLC, in West Hartford and a Principal at JDA Development Corporation, LLC. Wiener is also an attorney. He is also a board member of the Urban League of Greater Hartford and the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. Wiener is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Boston University.

Said Elaine McDonald, Chair of the Board of Trustees for The Children's Museum, "We are very excited about the experience and commitment that these three new board members bring with them. They share our vision and mission of The Children's Museum as a kid-sized, family friendly, hands-on and fun place focused on natural science for younger children as well as a primary resource for our schools in strengthening science education and environmental awareness."

With its roots in science education dating back nearly 125 years, The Children's Museum was formally organized in 1927. In West Hartford, at its Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, and in area school classrooms, the Museum serves over 200,000 children and families annually. It includes the UTC Wildlife Sanctuary, Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, extensive educational programs and school outreach, teacher professional development and a wide variety of activities for children, families and senior citizens. With support from the State of Connecticut and Town of West Hartford, the Museum is in the midst of exciting plans for relocation and expansion.

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