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KINGSWOOD-OXFORD SCHOOL, THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AGREE TO EXTEND CURRENT LOCATION

July 14, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)... The Children's Museum in West Hartford will remain at its current location through the end of June 2010 thanks to a lease extension by Kingswood-Oxford School. The 1-year lease extension is a major assist in The Children's Museum's facilities and capital campaign plans for an anticipated relocation to the Elmwood area.

Said President and CEO Kevin Sullivan, "Kingswood-Oxford School has always been a good neighbor and we are very grateful for this added measure of confidence in our future. Even so, we will continue to keep the pressure on ourselves to accomplish a long overdue relocation and expansion." Added Head of School Dennis Bisgaard, "Kingswood-Oxford School is pleased to be able to help The Children's Museum. We want to do as much as we can to assure its continued success. Many of our own students learned valuable science lessons and had lots of fun

there when they were younger.”

Since its origins in Greater Hartford over 125 years ago, The Children’s Museum has become a major attraction and vital resource in science and environmental education for younger children. Some 210,000 children and families annually enjoy and learn from programs and exhibits at the UTC Wildlife Sanctuary, Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium and a wide variety of other activities, including The Children’s Museum Pre-School in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton.

Added Sullivan, “This also gives us time to refresh the Museum, test new exhibits and try out new programs for our next home. It also gives us the opportunity to work with other science and nature centers to raise the profile of informal education as the key to a bolder, broader and much needed focus on teaching and learning about science and the environment.”

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 210,000 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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