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Space comes down to Earth at The Children's Museum

July 26, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)... The Children's Museum and new Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium will be hosting Space Day on July 30, 2008 as part of our series of special Wednesday science programming. The day will include building and decorating gliders and racing balloon rockets, frozen treats and solar observing through our telescopes (weather permitting). Outside, we'll measure the Solar System across the yard and watch model rockets launched. We'll even attempt to recreate the surface of the Moon by dropping "meteors" off the roof into a pool of cement.

The Museum is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with space activities from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. All Space Day activities are free with Museum admission and do not require any registration. Also, to make our day even more spacey, General Admission now includes a ticket to any one of our shows in the Travelers Science Dome. Every show is unique being led by our staff astronomers who will show you the

night sky, take you to the planets and answer all your cosmic questions. We are proud to premiere *Earth's Wild Ride*, a new planetarium show made possible by Hamilton Sundstrand.

In addition to Space Day, The Children's Museum will be hosting three more days of special science programs. They include:

The Great Egg Drop - August 6, 2008

Science Olympics - August 13, 2008

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Day - August 20, 2008

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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