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KEVIN SULLIVAN NAMED TO LEAD THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF CONNECTICUT *West Hartford-based science and learning center will re-locate and grow*

West Hartford, CT (December 17, 2007)...Elaine McDonald, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Museum of Connecticut, announced today that Kevin Sullivan, former Lieutenant Governor, will be the museum's new President.

Sullivan has a distinguished record of public service, having been elected Mayor and State Senator from West Hartford. He is best known for his leadership and advocacy in educational policy. Sullivan also served as Vice President for Community and Institutional Relations at Trinity College in West Hartford where he was instrumental in the successful completion of The Learning Corridor magnet school complex.

“Kevin Sullivan has the exact vision and experience needed to lead the Children’s Museum to our brightest days, which lie just ahead of us. His years of experience in both the private and public sectors and his lifelong passion for educational policies and programs will be a tremendous asset to our institution. Throughout his career, he has been an advocate for children and education and his hiring presents the Museum with an extraordinary opportunity to continue to build on our great tradition as leaders in science based early childhood education.” said McDonald

Said Sullivan, "As a kid growing up in West Hartford, some of my fondest memories are the fun and learning in summer day camps at the Children's Museum. Now, at a time when science and environmental awareness are more important than ever, I am excited about this opportunity to work with outstanding staff, volunteers and board members. Together, we will create a new home for the museum, enhance our resources, renew our programs, broaden our educational mission and make the Children's Museum an even more exciting and fun place for kids and families to learn about science and nature.”

"This is also a great time to partner with the new Connecticut Science Center in Hartford and schools throughout the region," added Sullivan. "We are uniquely positioned to support the improvements in science literacy sought by Governor Rell and the State Legislature. We can also become even more of a center for strengthening awareness and global environmental stewardship across the generations."

The Children's Museum of Connecticut 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 draws some 180,000 visitors. The Children's Museum is also home to the new Traveler's 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 also offers one of the longest running early childhood education centers in the nation at the Children's Museum Preschool. Additionally, the Roaring Brook Nature Center in nearby Canton, part of the Children's Museum for over thirty years, offers a wildlife sanctuary, nature trails and outdoor gardens. With the recommitment of the state and the town of West Hartford, the Children's Museum is poised to begin an exciting new chapter in its stellar *near 80-year* history with plans to relocate to a new facility over the next few years.

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