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Generous Funding of The Children's Museum's "Women in Science" Girl Scout Camp-in Program Helps Continue its Success

West Hartford, CT (March 23, 2007)...The Children's Museum (formerly Science Center of Connecticut) announces funding for its "*Women in Science*" *Girl Scout Program*. Through the generous support of two foundations -- The Aurora Women & Girls Foundation in honor of Agnes Peelle, Aurora's Woman Philanthropist of 2006, and The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corporation -- the museum was able to offer a second successful year of the "*Women in Science*" *Girl Scout Camp-in Program*.

The main objective of the "*Women in Science Girl Scout Camp-in Program*" is to promote the life sciences as career opportunities for girls through overnight camp-in experiences for Girl Scouts at The Children's Museum. The funding from these foundations allows Girl Scouts in the under-served and under-represented priority districts the opportunity to meet professional women in the field of science and participate in hands-on activities that have the ability to fulfill a badge requirement.

The foundations provided the museum with a total of \$8,000 to make this program possible for over 140 Girl Scouts. "This is wonderful time of discovery in the life sciences, and many Connecticut corporations are national leaders in the field. Our goal is to ensure that young people are aware of the many exciting career opportunities that are available, while also learning some of the basic content and skills related to life science",

said Vice President of Programs and Exhibits, Hank Gruner.

The Children's Museum is committed to igniting the curiosity of young people through science and nature. In addition to the museum, the organization includes the Gengras Planetarium, the United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, and The Children's Museum Preschool, one of the oldest preschools in the country. The Children's Museum serves close to 200,000 people annually, is the fifth oldest children's museum in the country, and serves more people in Connecticut than any other museum. Located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford, the museum is accessible from I-84 Exit 43 and offers free parking. For more information, visit the website at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org .

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