



The New Children's Museum Awarded \$100,000 Grant from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (March 21, 2016) – The New Children's Museum was recently awarded a \$100,000 capacity building grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support its continued progress in expanding and enhancing its impacts and educational offerings.

Funding from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will support capacity building measures at the Museum including new exhibit additions and upgrades, marketing, and development support. Each of these efforts supports the Museum's three-year, organization-wide re-strengthening project in preparation of its future site relocation.

"While the Museum has served Connecticut children in many meaningful ways for nearly 90 years, we sensed a need and desire for more hands-on learning opportunities for our youth, and we found ourselves in need of some considerable adjustments and upgrades," stated Dr. Michael Werle, Executive Director of The New Children's Museum. "This generous support from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will help us significantly grow our capacity to best serve families, schools, and community organizations throughout the state."

Upcoming projects include several spring and summertime public programs with fun, educational activities and special guests, continued educational programming with school and community groups, and a forthcoming new exhibit slated to open in September. More information on future offerings can be found at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for Hartford and 28 surrounding communities. In 2015, the Foundation celebrated 90 years of grantmaking in the Greater Hartford region, made possible by the gifts of generous individuals, families, and organizations. It has awarded grants of more than \$650 million since its founding in 1925. For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.

The New Children's Museum is positioned as a premier education center for children in preschool through middle school. Home to over 100 live animals, the Museum features hands-on exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for young children and families.

The New Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration. The New Children's Museum and Preschool are located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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