



The Children's Museum Awarded Grant for Summer Science Camp with Hartford Girls

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (April 22, 2016) – The Children's Museum in West Hartford received a \$5,000 grant from the Petit Family Foundation to support a pilot program in which Hartford girls from the Boys & Girls Club will participate in a summer science camp program.

"The Museum has wanted to start a 'Girls in Science' program for a while now, and this generous grant from the Petit Family Foundation is an excellent first step," stated Michael Werle, Executive Director of The Children's Museum. "Girls are often underrepresented in STEM fields, and this challenge is even more prevalent among inner city students. This project will help pave the way for local girls to engage with science and consider future paths toward STEM careers."



In partnership with The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, the Museum will welcome 18 girls from Hartford for a hands-on "Determined Detectives" themed summer camp program. Participants will learn about forensics, genetics, problem solving, investigating, and collaboration while participating in fun science-based activities and meeting special guests that work in associated fields. At the end of the program, participants will combine their newly learned skills to solve a crime in the Museum.

Sam Gray, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford, stated, "We are so excited to offer our members the opportunity to participate in a week-long STEM program at The Children's Museum. This will be fun and engaging for all of those involved and will truly enable us to expose our female members to critical programming and learning that reduces summer learning loss."

The program will take place during the week of July 5, 2016. More information on the Museum's science camp programs and other educational offerings can be found at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration and education. 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 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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