



The New Children's Museum to Offer "Science Achievement for All" Programs to Manchester Students

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (July 14, 2015) – The New Children's Museum received a \$20,000 grant from SBM Charitable Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from the H. Louise Ruddell Charitable Fund to support its *Science Achievement for All* (SAFA) programs for Manchester schools.

Through its SAFA programs, the Museum engages students at low-income schools with innovative, hands-on STEM activities. SAFA programs span a wide range of subject matter including engineering, chemistry, zoology, astronomy, physics, and environmental science. Programs are designed to excite children about learning and help close the achievement gap.

Support from SBM and the Ruddell Fund will allow the Museum to purchase new equipment for ecology activities, develop new curricula, and carry out SAFA programs with K-6 Manchester students throughout the 2015-2016 academic year. These enhancements will build upon last year's programs, in which students learned real-life scientific skills. In one SAFA class, students collected water, sediment, and microorganism samples at a nearby stream, collaboratively analyzed the samples, and translated their findings into visual data.



The New Children's Museum is positioned as a premier STEAM education center, integrating science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Home to over 100 live animals, the Museum features hands-on science 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 science and nature 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.

For more information on *Science Achievement for All* or to sponsor an educational program, please contact Julie Barnofski Portfolio, Grants Manager, at jportfolio@thechildrensmuseumct.org or (860) 231-2830 x51.

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