



## Welcoming Back the Winged Wonders

*The Children's Museum re-opens their Butterfly House for 2016*

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (May 19, 2016) – The Children's Museum in West Hartford welcomes back their winged friends with the seasonal opening of their Butterfly House. The first public butterfly release of the year will take place at noon on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For the fourth year in a row, the Museum will open the Winged Wonders Butterfly House where guests can step inside and immerse themselves in a world of butterflies. The House is staffed with a guide that teaches families about the winged residents and their amazing lifecycles. The House also features many colorful, indigenous plants that foster an ideal natural environment for butterflies.



Throughout the summer, visitors are invited to actively participate in butterfly releases, which will include Monarchs, Painted Ladies, Mourning Cloaks, and other species. Releases take place on Fridays at noon.

Family members of all ages will enjoy the breathtaking displays of color and nature. Additionally, visitors are encouraged to tour the butterfly garden at the Museum's second location: Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, Connecticut.

Admission to the Butterfly House is included with general admission or Museum membership. The House is closed in inclement weather.

For more information on the Winged Wonders Butterfly House please contact Jay Kaplan, Director of the Wildlife Sanctuary and Roaring Brook Nature Center at (860) 231-2830 ext. 500 or [jkaplan@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:jkaplan@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](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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