



The Children's Museum has served children and families for 89 years, and this may be our last opportunity to stay in West Hartford!

The Museum has proposed relocating to UConn's soon-to-be-vacated West Hartford campus – only a mile down the street from our current location. Above is a rendering of our proposed new home.

Please help us get there by signing a petition to support our relocation:

For more information, contact Executive Director Mike Werle at mwerle@thechildrensmuseumct.org

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. When is the Museum hoping to relocate?**
A. We hope to relocate as soon as possible after UConn vacates the campus in September 2017.
- Q. Will the Museum's planetarium, wildlife sanctuary, and preschool relocate too? What about Conny the whale?**
A. Yes! With new, enlarged, and upgraded facilities, we will have a similar or greater capacity for all of these special assets. And of course, we plan to take Conny with us!
- Q. What's the current status of the UConn property?**
A. The Town has committed to purchase the property and now must determine how to utilize it. The Museum has requested that a small area be set aside for its new home.
- Q. Will the Museum construct a new building or repurpose an existing building?**
A. We have proposed two options for the Town's consideration:
- Option 1: Repurpose two buildings on the west side of Trout Brook Drive; remaining buildings could provide homes to other education-based or cultural entities.
 - Option 2: Build new facilities on the east side of Trout Brook Drive by the large parking lot area; they would tuck in nicely without disturbing the setting and would leave space for parkland and associated activities.
- Q. Who will pay for the relocation and construction costs?**
A. The Museum will pursue public/private partnerships to ensure the success of its relocation plans. We are in conversations with local and state leaders about this project. We will launch a fundraising campaign once it has been confirmed that we can relocate to this site.