



The Children's Museum awarded Petit Grant for a Hartford Girls-in-Science Camp

WEST HARTFORD, CT (June 5, 2017) – The Children's Museum in West Hartford received a \$5,000 grant from the Petit Family Foundation to support 25 girls from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford to participate in a summer science camp program.

"The Museum is pleased to continue our 'Girls in Science' program this summer with the generous grant from the Petit Family Foundation," stated Michael Werle, Executive Director of The Children's Museum, "This program's goal is to engage Hartford girls in science and encourage them to consider future paths toward STEM careers."

"The Petit Family Foundation is thrilled to again be able to support this great program that empowers and inspires young ladies from Hartford. This exposure to the wealth of resources at the Children's Museum as well as the mentorship provided by women at the Museum will improve their self-esteem and hopefully inspire them to pursue further studies in the sciences and related fields. The program last summer was a great hit!" said William A. Petit, Jr. MD, President of the Petit Family Foundation.



In partnership with The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, the Museum will welcome 25 girls from Hartford for a hands-on "Science in the Great Outdoors" themed summer camp program taking place July 5 - 7. Through a myriad of interactive activities, students will explore the local flora and fauna of the region in an exciting and engaging three days! This unique project will also afford inner-city students with the opportunity to engage with educational resources and learning environments outside of their resident community.

"Our girls and their families were very excited by last year's program and we are really happy to be able to expand it to 25 girls this year." stated Shawonda Swain, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford.

More information on the Museum's science camp programs and other educational offerings can be found at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

About The Children's Museum

The Children's Museum and its Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration and education. The Museum and Nature Center features hands-on exhibits, over 200 live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and numerous 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.

For more information on sponsoring an educational exhibit or program at The Children's Museum or Roaring Brook Nature Center, please contact Renee Hartshorn at rhartshorn@thechildrensmuseumct.org or (860) 231-2830 x230.

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