



Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Renovation of the Roaring Brook Nature Center

Canton, CT (September 6, 2017) A major renovation of the Roaring Brook Nature Center, which is part of The Children's Museum Group, has begun with a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$700,000+ project. The Center will remain open to the public during the renovation.

The project will include new and improved outdoor enclosures for injured, orphaned and resident wildlife; a state-of-the-art wildlife rehabilitation clinic; new front entryway; and an additional classroom/exhibit area. These additions will allow the Center to

increase the number of wild animals admitted for rehabilitation, provide opportunities for visitors to see wildlife rehabilitation in progress through a one-way window into the clinic, while also providing better viewing of our permanent birds of prey. The additional classroom and exhibit area will increase the number of educational offerings that the Center can offer and provide visitors an even more enjoyable



experience. George Trumbull, a major donor to the project stated, "I couldn't be more pleased to be a part of this journey. This wonderful institution will get even better. In spite of the rain and the overcast skies, the sun is shining bright on Roaring Brook Nature Center today"

A huge thank you goes out to the Roaring Brook Nature Center's many supporters, including the John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation, who provided a grant of \$225,000, as well as significant contributions from the Trumbull Family Foundation, The Connecticut Freemasons Foundation and Roaring Brook Nature Center's Auxiliary organization, "The Friends of Roaring Brook." "In 2013, we hosted our 2nd gala event, which raised \$10,000 to start this process," said Susan Duncan, Auxiliary Treasurer, "We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labors."

The event included several speakers including Jean Madden-Hennessey, Campaign Co-chair and donor, George Trumbull, Trumbull Family Foundation and Campaign Co-Chair, Susan Duncan, Auxiliary Treasurer and donor, Peter Stevens, President of The Children's Museum Board of Trustees, Leslee Hill, Canton First Selectperson, and Jay Kaplan, Director of Roaring Brook Nature Center.



Canton's First Selectperson, Leslee Hill addressed the crowd. She stated, "The Nature Center is near and dear to my heart as a resident and parent. This is a jewel and a tremendous partner in the town of Canton. It is heartwarming and a wonderful resource."

The Roaring Brook Nature Center provides nature and science-based learning experiences to approximately 20,000 people throughout Connecticut annually. It provides the community with opportunities to connect with the natural world at any age and gain an appreciation and understanding for wildlife. In addition, the Center takes in several hundred injured and orphaned wild animals each year for rehabilitation with the goal of releasing them back into the wild.

About The Children's Museum Group

The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration and education. The Museum and Nature Center feature hands-on exhibits, over 200 live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and numerous programs for young children and families. Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton and more information is available at www.roaringbrook.org or at 860-693-0263. The Children's Museum with its Preschool is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and more information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org or 860-231-2834.

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