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Butterflies Are Flying High at The Children's Museum

Live releases, native plants, a beautiful garden, and more await you and your family this summer.

[West Hartford, CT, March 31, 2019—] Butterflies are back! Starting with a butterfly release on Friday, June 7, and continuing through September, children and their families are invited to walk through the idyllic and peaceful butterfly garden located at The Children's Museum. While learning about native plants, how best to attract butterflies to home gardens, and the life cycle of butterflies, visitors can participate in live releases of butterflies into the garden! This year, The Children's Museum is featuring some new and different native species. What are they? You'll have to come visit to find out!

This seasonal event is now entering its sixth year and will be adding more educational programming to enhance the experience for our visitors. Hands on activities, games, and classes will be available to our guests as they experience the winged wonders in our butterfly garden.

The butterfly house is open everyday during regular museum hours. Weather permitting, releases run once a week on Fridays through June, and then they are at noon twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, for the remainder of the summer. Releases start at noon. The releases

are accompanied by butterfly and gardening facts, some tips to help you make your garden pollinator friendly, and all the exciting exhibits the museum has to offer.

The Children's Museum has been a West Hartford institution since its founding in 1927. Helping young children discover their lifelong love of learning, The Children's Museum is made up of a many diverse educational assets. The Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium opened in 1968. Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, established in 1948, which became part of The Children's Museum in 1973. The Wildlife Sanctuary, opened in 1981. Sophisticated in-school and on-site educational programs aligned with Connecticut's curricular standards. The museum itself with hands-on, minds-open, child-centered interactive activities. These together give The Children's Museum authority as a trusted and creative community resource for teaching and learning about science and nature.

The Children's Museum is part of The Children's Museum Group, a registered 501 (c)(3). Their mission is to provoke life-long experiential learning and innovation among children, adults, and their communities. The museum is open Tuesday Through Saturday from 9 AM-4 PM, and Sunday 11AM-4PM. Admission is \$14.75 for adults, \$13.75 for children 2-12 and seniors 63 and over, and free to children under 2. Memberships are available. For more information, please visit www.thechildrensmuseumct.org.

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