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**Thousands Around the World Will Look Through Telescopes on April 2**  
Join The Children's Museum in Blue Back Square  
for 100 Hours of Astronomy Event

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., March 25, 2009 – The Children's Museum is offering the public the chance to be part of a worldwide happening - 100 Hours of Astronomy - on **April 2, 2009**. From **7:30 pm to 9:30 pm** on the roof of the Isham Garage at Blue Back Square in West Hartford, anyone can look at the night sky through telescopes at the same time as thousands of others are all over the world.

The public is encouraged to meet The Children's Museum staff at the plaza between Barnes & Noble (60 Isham Road) and the Noah Webster Public Library (20 South Main Street) in West Hartford. The rain/cloud date for this event is Friday April 3, 2009.

The 100 Hours of Astronomy Cornerstone Project is a worldwide event consisting of a wide range of public activities. One of the key goals of 100 Hours of Astronomy is to have as many people as possible look through a telescope as Galileo did for the first time 400 years ago this year. 100 Hours of Astronomy will take place from April 2 to April 5, when the Moon goes from first quarter to gibbous, good phases for early evening observing. Saturn will be the other highlight of early evening observing events. More information is available at [www.100hoursofastronomy.org](http://www.100hoursofastronomy.org).

The Children's Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton. More information is available at [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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