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**TRAVELERS FOUNDATION HELPS THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
BRING MORE SCIENCE TO SCHOOL
\$20,000 Grant Awarded for Hartford Students**

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., July 8, 2009 – The Travelers Foundation, funded by Travelers, has provided The Children's Museum with an award of \$20,000. Thanks to this generous funding, The Children's Museum will help bring more science to students at select Hartford middle schools. Hartford students scored among the lowest in Connecticut on last year's 5th grade statewide science assessment. The grant will support science literacy outreach in grades 5 through 7 through programs in the schools, classes and activities at The Children's Museum and the Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, and hands-on field experiences.

"Travelers is committed to closing the achievement gap," said Tara N. Spain, Travelers Director of Community Relations. "Our funding is focused on increasing academic and career success for Hartford students."

"We are grateful to the Travelers Foundation for this further investment in our work to strengthen science awareness and achievement. Our schools cannot do it alone. At The Children's Museum, we are passionate about improving science literacy and giving kids a chance to have fun while learning," said Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum.

Travelers provides support for charitable organizations through the Travelers Foundation as well as corporate funding and in-kind services. Community giving at Travelers focuses on education, specifically improving academic and career success for traditionally underrepresented students, as well as community development and the arts. Travelers also continues to be the prime sponsor for The Children's Museum's state-of-the-art Science Dome digital theater at the Gengras Planetarium.

The Children's Museum offers over 100 live animals, hands-on science exhibits, 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.

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