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The Great Egg Drop returns to The Children's Museum

August 3, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...The experiment is classic: You vs. Gravity! Who do you think will win? Using common household materials, visitors to The Children's Museum will have to construct their own devices, place an egg inside their creation, then watch as these self-made contraptions are dropped from a height of 15 feet. Will their egg survive or will gravity deal a crushing blow? According to event organizer Jonah "Mr. Science" Cohen, the Museum's Outreach and Public Programs Manager, "Almost half of the eggs survived the last Egg Drop, but the others found gravity to be harsh, indeed. It will be up to the inventiveness of Museum visitor's to save this year's eggs."

The Great Egg Drop will be held Wednesday, August 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Museum's lower exhibit hall. Participation is free with Museum admission. Construction materials and eggs will be provided but visitors are certainly encouraged to bring in devices built at home.

In addition to The Great Egg Drop, The Children's Museum will be hosting two more days of special science programs for kids and families. They include:

Science Olympics - August 13, 2008

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Day - August 20, 2008.

The Children's Museum has a long history of providing hands-on learning focused on science based education for younger children and families. One of the state's major attractions, each year it serves nearly 200,000 children and their families. The Children's Museum is also home to the new Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, wildlife and interactive science exhibits, as well as science based outreach programs in the elementary school system statewide. The Children's Museum offers one of the longest running early childhood education centers in the nation at The Children's Museum Preschool. Additionally, the Museum's Roaring Brook Nature Center in nearby Canton offers natural science and history exhibits and programs, a wildlife sanctuary, nature trails and outdoor gardens. With the recent recommitment of support from the State of Connecticut and the Town of West Hartford, The Children's Museum is poised to begin an exciting new chapter in its 80-year history with plans to relocate and expand at a new facility over the next few years.

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