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## GINGER'S BIG MOVING DAY

The Children's Museum Snapping Turtle has new outdoor home

WEST HARTFORD, September 29, 2008 - There's no housing crisis for Ginger the Snapping Turtle, previously a life-long resident of Turtle Town at The Children's Museum. It was moving day when Ginger left her indoor tank and settled into a brand new home called "Snapper Lodge" in the Museum courtyard.

When visitors stepped into the Museum courtyard this summer to have lunch or visit the Canada Lynx and other large cats, they watched the construction of the large outdoor structure that is now Ginger's all-season home. Ginger came to the Museum in 1998 when she was found as an abandoned hatchling. She is now 10 years old, weighs in at 24 pounds and is still growing. A common snapping turtle can live up to 50 years and reach weights of over 30 pounds. Ginger welcomes visitors through the bay windows of her new home.

Moving into Ginger's old home will be Waffle, a Soft Shell Turtle. Waffle is about six inches long and doesn't even weigh one pound, but will get to be over a foot long when she is fully grown. Waffle will especially delight young visitors because she is always on the move in the water.

The Children's Museum is conveniently located off I-84 on Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. The Museum provides exhibits, programs and education for younger children and families. With 210,000 visitors annually, The Children's Museum and Gengras Planetarium, as well as its Roaring Brook Nature Center in nearby Canton, CT, are among Connecticut's top attractions.

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ATTACHED PHOTO: Cindy King, UTC Wildlife Sanctuary Director, moves snapping turtle Ginger into her new home, Snapper Lodge, at The Children's Museum in West Hartford, Conn.