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Photo Caption

From Left to Right

Ed Pilkington, West Hartford Chamber President

Senator Jonathon Harris

West Hartford Mayor Scott Slifka,

Jason Archer, Director of the Travelers Science Dome

Marlene Ibsen, President of the Travelers Connecticut Foundation

Elaine McDonald, Trustee of The Children's Museum

Robert Brody, Senior Vice President of Risk Control at Travelers and Trustee of The Children's Museum

The Children's Museum hosts the opening of the NEW Travelers Science Dome on October 11, 2007.

West Hartford, CT (October 11, 2007) The Children's Museum hosted the opening of the NEW Travelers Science Dome on October 11, 2007 from 6:00-8:00pm. The evening was attended by over one hundred friends, donors, and Travelers employees.

The evening began with the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony which included West Hartford Mayor Scott Slifka, Ed Pilkington, West Hartford Chamber President, Senator Jonathon Harris, Marlene Ibsen, President of the Travelers Foundation, Robert Brody, Senior Vice President of Risk Control at the Travelers and Trustee of The Children's Museum, Jason Archer, Director of the Travelers Science Dome and Elaine McDonald, Trustee of The Children's Museum.

Along with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music, guests enjoyed the evening as they viewed the night sky along with fulldome, full color movie attractions that included, *Black Holes: the Other Side of Infinity* narrated by Liam Neeson, *Enchanted Reef*, and *Optical Nervous System*. Guests were captivated by the feature presentation *Astronaut* narrated by Ewan McGregor. After the presentation Marlene Ibsen, President of the Travelers Connecticut Foundation commented, "Travelers is extremely pleased to be able to bring this educational technology to The Children's Museum so that Connecticut's children---and adults---have new opportunities to immerse themselves in the wonders of Science."

The Children's Museum is committed to igniting the curiosity of young people through science and nature. In addition to the museum, the organization includes the Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, CT, and The Children's Museum Preschool, one of the oldest preschools in the country. The Children's Museum serves close to 185,000 people annually, and is the fifth oldest children's museum in the country, and is the largest in Connecticut. The Museum is accessible from I-84 Exit 43 at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. For more information, visit the Museum's website at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org .