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CELEBRATE THE NIGHT SKY AND SUNNIER DAYS AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

WEST HARTFORD, Dec. 3, 2008 – Astronomy fun, crafts, a bonfire, and a special holiday show are all part of The Children's Museum's 4th Annual Winter Solstice Celebration on December 19, 2008 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

"The winter solstice is the shortest day of the year, so this is a celebration of sunnier days ahead, as well as an evening of learning about astronomy and holiday traditions from around the world," said Kristie Mazzoni, Director of the Museum's Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium. "

Activities for kids and families include:

- Seasonal crafts
- Candlelight procession
- Bonfire
- Telescope observing (weather permitting)
- *Season of Light* planetarium program

This event is appropriate for all ages.

Admission to the Winter Solstice Celebration is \$8 per person for members of The Children's Museum and \$10 per person for non-members. Register by email at Events@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org or by telephone at 860.231.2830 x44.

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. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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Kids and their families learn about the night sky at the Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium in West Hartford.

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