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Connecticut Science Center Offers Free Admission to Hartford Residents in June 2018

Funding from The Hartford supports popular program

HARTFORD, CT (May 21, 2018) – The Connecticut Science Center is excited to continue a partnership with the Hartford Public Library to make science learning and summer fun opportunities available to all Hartford residents. Funding provided by The Hartford will grant all city of Hartford residents access to free General Admission to the Connecticut Science Center located in downtown Hartford during the entire month of June. Residents can pick up their free Science Center passes at any Hartford Public Library branch.

The program aims to connect all of Hartford's residents, especially youth, with the best assets and opportunities that our community has to offer. Over the last six years, more than 23,000 Hartford residents have taken advantage of the program by visiting the Science Center.

Free Connecticut Science Center admission for Hartford residents is available only through passes received at Hartford Public Library branches. Passes will be awarded to residents providing library staff with proof of residency, which may include a current driver's license, library card, or recently received U.S. mail showing current name and address. Residents will need to show proof of current Hartford residency at the library location and the Connecticut Science Center. An adult must accompany children under the age of 18. Movie tickets and Butterfly Encounter are not included in the coupon. Certain restrictions apply. Passes will be valid through July 1, 2018.

General Admission will include all day access to the Connecticut Science Center's more than 165 hands-on exhibits plus daily programs and Live Science. Visitors will also enjoy the traveling exhibits *Bionic Me* and *Curious George, Let's Get Curious*, presented by ProHealth Physicians, part of OptumCare.

For more information about the Connecticut Science Center, including exhibits, visit CTScienceCenter.org.

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Hartford Public Library Locations:

500 Main Street: (860) 695-6300

7 Park Avenue (Parkville School): (860) 695-7460

1250 Albany Avenue: (860) 695-7380

261 Barbour Street: (860) 695-7400

744 Park Street: (860) 695-7500

30 Campfield Avenue: (860) 695-7440

1250 Main Street: (860) 695-7520

About the Connecticut Science Center The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational

hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 2.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: CTScienceCenter.org or (860) SCIENCE.