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Local Companies Demonstrate Commitment to Lifelong Learning by Supporting Stepping Stones Museum for Children's Companies for Kids Corporate Sponsorship Program

Norwalk, CT, August 19, 2008 – Twenty seven companies have joined Stepping Stones *Companies for Kids* corporate partnership program that offers the business community unique opportunities to engage with the museum in its mission to broaden and enrich the educational opportunities for children. These mutually-beneficial partnerships help fund museum exhibits, educational programs and accessibility initiatives.

"When companies and nonprofit organizations join forces in their commitment to community well being, everyone benefits," says Elizabeth Cahill, Stepping Stones board member, chair of the *Companies for Kids* Task Force and senior vice president, US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. "Companies for Kids partnerships provide opportunities for companies to offer employee benefits, build positive brand awareness, create community goodwill and provide Stepping Stones with fresh thinking, volunteer support and new revenue."

The benefits of corporate membership include free weekends for employees, brand recognition and ongoing promotion and publicity.

2008 Corporate Partners include (listed by size of gift ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,500):

Evolution Markets, White Plains, NY
New York Mercantile Exchange, New York, NY
NGP Energy Capital Management, Stamford, CT
UnitedHealthcare of Connecticut, Trumbull, CT
Connecticut Light and Power Company, Norwalk, CT
NU Transmission Group, Hartford, CT
Yankee Gas, Norwalk, CT
Energy Income Partners LLC, Westport, CT
GE Commercial Finance, Norwalk, CT
Wachovia, Princeton, NJ
General Re Corporation, Stamford, CT
HSBC, Greenwich, CT
Stanley M. Seligson Properties, Norwalk, CT

Whole Foods Market, Greenwich and Westport, CT
Advocate/Greenwich Time, Stamford, CT
AT&T, Norwalk, CT
AXA Advisors, LLC, Stamford, CT
Pepperidge Farm, Norwalk, CT
Bank of America, New Haven, CT
MBI, Norwalk, CT
Moffly Publications, Greenwich, CT
Purdue Pharma, Stamford, CT
Sempra Commodities, Stamford, CT
Service Management Group, Shelton, CT
Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group, Norwalk, CT
Tauk World Discovery, Norwalk, CT
TD Banknorth, New Britain, CT

Companies interested in joining Stepping Stones *Companies for Kids* program can contact Fritz Jellinghaus, director of leadership giving, at Fritz@steppingstonesmuseum.org or at 203 899 0606 ext. 246.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children is an award-winning children's museum committed to broadening and enriching the lives of children. Museum exhibits, educational programs and special events complement efforts in schools, childcare centers and homes. With four main galleries, a toddlers-only gallery and more than 100 hands-on activities, Stepping Stones offers children ten and under plenty to explore and discover. Stepping Stones Museum for Children is located at 303 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT, exit 14 North and 15 South off I-95. From July 1 – Labor Day, the museum is open daily from 10 am – 5 pm. After Labor Day, museum hours are Tuesday 1 – 5 pm, Wednesday – Sunday 10 am – 5 pm. To learn more visit www.steppingstonesmuseum.org or call 203 899 0606.