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### Stepping Stones Museum for Children Welcomes New Exhibit *Conservation Quest*

Norwalk, CT, December 12, 2008 – Stepping Stones Museum for Children’s new traveling exhibit, ***Conservation Quest***, will be making its first stop at the museum starting today. Loaded with hands-on interactives and problem-solving activities, ***Conservation Quest*** delivers important energy conservation messages, inspiring children to make thoughtful choices about energy use to help protect the planet and promote healthy living. The exhibit is the first in a series of energy-themed experiences and programs Stepping Stones has planned over the next few years.

Designed for children ten and under, ***Conservation Quest*** teaches children about energy – what it is, where it comes from, how it’s used and why it’s so important to use it wisely. ***Conservation Quest*** topics include: energy sources, energy use at home and around the world, climate change, environmental health, stewardship and conservation and the future of energy.

Children will be able to take part in the following “hands-on, play-driven” experiences in ***Conservation Quest***:

- Find ways to save with light bulbs, electricity and recycling.
- Explore water, wind and solar energy interactives.
- Connect circuits to power up lights, radios and fans.
- See how much electricity your family uses compared to others.
- Take the green challenge – a computer interactive that prompts kids to make the greener choice when it comes to energy.

“***Conservation Quest*** is an important extension of our ongoing *Healthy Children, Healthy Communities* initiative,” said Rhonda Kiest, executive director of Stepping Stones. “We’re excited ***Conservation Quest*** will be making its first stop here to provide children with the experience of exploring what they can do at home, in school and in their community to conserve energy and promote healthy living.”

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**Conservation Quest** will be on exhibit through February and then will travel to other children's museums and science centers throughout the country. **Conservation Quest** made its debut at the OneThing Expo at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford in October as part of Governor Rell's OneThing campaign.

Lead sponsors of the energy project are The Foster Family Fund, Northeast Utilities Foundation, Evolution Markets Inc., Newman's Own Foundation and New York Mercantile Exchange. Local presenting sponsors are Jonathan Farber and Anna Czekaj Farber.

**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 a non-profit organization. To learn more and for museum hours, visit [steppingstonesmuseum.org](http://steppingstonesmuseum.org).

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