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Stepping Stones Museum for Children Celebrates 5,600 Hours of Volunteer Service during National Volunteer Week

Norwalk, CT, May 20, 2008 – In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, Stepping Stones Museum for Children honored its more than 200 youth and adult volunteers for their 5,600 hours of service with events on April 27 and May 3. Ten of the museum’s youth volunteers were presented with the *President's Volunteer Service Award*, created by President Bush and his President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. This award recognizes these young volunteers for achieving a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service in one year at Stepping Stones.

“Volunteers play a vital role in the daily life of our museum and we are so grateful for the time and many talents they contribute,” said Rhonda Kiest, executive director at Stepping Stones. “Our dedicated volunteers help us inspire the love of learning for children and assist the museum in providing fun hands-on, play-driven experiences for families.”

Stepping Stones Museum for Children is continuously recruiting people, 12 years and older, to serve as volunteers. The museum offers a variety of exciting opportunities for both youth and adult volunteers who want to share their time and talents to enhance educational opportunities for children. Volunteers are an integral part of Stepping Stones whether they are helping visitors learn about the arts, sciences, culture and heritage or working behind the scenes to inspire strategic direction and successful special events. For information about specific volunteer opportunities, call the museum’s volunteer coordinator for adults at 203 899 0606, ext 245 and for youth at 203 899 0606, ext 240.

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, visit steppingstonesmuseum.org.

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