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**Join the Construction Crew!
Stepping Stones Museum for Children Opens New *Build It!* Exhibit on August 15**

Norwalk, CT, August 13, 2009 – With all of the construction activity taking place outside of Stepping Stones with the museum’s expansion, children can now participate and learn about the building process with the museum’s newest exhibit *Build It!* opening on Saturday, August 15.

Build It! teaches children all about architectural design and construction by encouraging children to grab tools and join the construction team. By lending a hand in the construction of a new two-story home, children can role play as construction workers to apply siding, decorate with paint, lay carpet squares and hang wallpaper. Children can lift, load, dump and haul with an assortment of trucks. They can also build their own structures with more than a dozen different types of blocks. Stepping Stones very own construction team, who is helping plan and build the museum’s 22,000 square foot “green” expansion, is featured in the exhibit along with descriptions of the different roles they play in the building process.

“With so much construction going on outside the museum, we believed it was a natural fit to use it as an educational opportunity allowing children to discover building basics and take a sneak peek at Stepping Stones expansion plans for 2010,” said Carol Brennan-Smith, director of New Ventures. “We know this will allow children to have a better understanding of the construction process, as well as provide a great deal of fun.”

To celebrate the opening of *Build It!*, there will Touch-a-Truck educational opportunities outside of the museum on August 15 and August 16. Children will have the chance to get behind the wheel of a construction vehicle. The Touch-a-Truck activities will also take place during Labor Day weekend, September 5 – 7.

This exhibit is supported, in part, by a gift from Ring’s End.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children, a 501(c) 3 private non-profit organization, 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 new outdoor play space, a toddlers-only gallery and more than 100 hands-on activities, Stepping Stones offers children ten and under plenty to explore and discover.

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