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Please Touch Museum Renovates Popular Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Exhibit

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Please Touch Museum has renovated its popular Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) exhibit. The exhibit recreates an inviting and interactive hospital environment, and new updates include a new X-Ray machine, upgraded MRI machine, expanded collections displays, and new interpretive signage focusing on doctor/patient interactions.

The latest in a series of additions and renovations for the Museum, the CHOP exhibit creates an enriched real-world space that empowers learning through immersive pretend play. The interactive area offers children the opportunity to role play as both doctor and patient, helping them to feel more comfortable in a hospital setting, and introducing different medical professions. New collections display cases will exhibit vintage medical-themed toys alongside modern equipment like the MRI and X-Ray machines, prompting conversations about advancements in science and technology in a fun and accessible way.

“Updates like this are part of our ongoing efforts to elevate the Museum experience, and ensure that we are empowering early childhood learning that opens doors, builds connections and critical skills, and sets the stage for future success,” notes Please Touch Museum President & CEO Patricia D. Wellenbach. “We are delighted to continue our strong relationship with CHOP, driven by our shared commitment to changing the lives of children in our city and beyond.”

The exhibit partnership between Please Touch Museum and CHOP dates back to 2012, when CHOP originally collaborated with the Museum on an upgrade to its existing medical-themed area.

“The refurbished CHOP exhibit at the Please Touch Museum gives visitors the opportunity to role-play many real-life experiences,” says Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia President and CEO, Madeline Bell. “This kind of play helps demystify the concept of hospitals and doctors, enabling children to feel more comfortable in various medical environments. It is the kind of breakthrough we strive to provide each and every day here at CHOP, and we thank the Please Touch Museum for its continued partnership in helping to make a positive difference in the lives of all children.”

With the support of like-minded organizations like CHOP, Please Touch Museum will continue to reimagine the Museum experience in the coming years, expanding its opportunities for impactful play-based learning and focusing on bringing exhibitions and programming together in new and innovative ways.

About Please Touch Museum
Please Touch Museum’s mission is to change a child’s life as they discover the power of learning through play. Recognized locally and nationally as a leading children’s museum, Please Touch Museum is open
Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $19 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-581-3181 or visit our website at www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.

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