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Connecticut Science Center Partners with Hartford HealthCare *Innovative Health & Wellness Exhibit features Simulation Technology*

Hartford, CT- August 22, 2012- The Connecticut Science Center has partnered with Hartford HealthCare to offer one of the nation's most innovative health and wellness exhibits. The Hartford HealthCare Health Lab is a permanent installation that incorporates cutting edge medical technology with interactive programming to provide a one-of-a-kind experience for Science Center visitors.

"Our new exhibit combines the expertise and creativity of the Connecticut Science Center with the vision and resources of the Hartford HealthCare system – all with the goal of inspiring children and adults to become more engaged in their health," said Elliot Joseph, President & CEO, Hartford HealthCare. "It is our hope that the Hartford HealthCare Health Lab will motivate children and adults to become more inquisitive about health care and, ultimately, help improve the health and wellness of visitors to the Science Center."

Featuring the SimMan® 3G manikin, the exhibit offers visitors the opportunity to experience state-of-the-art simulation technology that is used to train surgeons, physicians, nurses and emergency responders from around the world at Hartford Hospital's Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI). The Health Lab is also designed to spark interest in careers in the health care field by offering an array of educational programming provided by members of the Hartford HealthCare system and Science Center Staff Scientists.

"The Hartford HealthCare Health Lab is the perfect setting for hands-on learning experiences with advanced teaching technology," said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President & CEO. "It is a unique opportunity for visitors and Staff Scientists to have access to these sophisticated tools, providing the perfect setting for health and wellness educational programming. We are pleased to partner with Hartford HealthCare to leverage their expertise to inspire healthy lifestyles and start conversations about health related careers."

Beginning in October, physicians, nurses and other health care providers from all Hartford HealthCare entities will offer supplemental programming at the Connecticut Science Center on a variety of health and wellness topics. Experts may include sports medicine pros from the Hartford HealthCare Rehabilitation Network teaching about the "Science of a good batting swing"; LifeStar team members demonstrating emergency medicine; and staff of the Hartford Hospital Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI) showing how technology is leveraged to revolutionize health care.

This exhibit opening comes on the heels of a major milestone for the Science Center. Last week, the three-year-old destination celebrated its one-millionth person served –underscoring the significant potential of interactive experiences like this one to engage young people in science. The Hartford HealthCare Health Lab is located on the 5th Floor of the Connecticut Science Center and is included free with General Admission or Membership.

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About the Connecticut Science Center The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 1,000,000 people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 150 exhibits in ten galleries and a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store and café, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. More information: www.CTScienceCenter.org or 860.SCIENCE.