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CALENDAR ADVISORY

Children's Science Center Lab Celebrates its First Birthday Unveiling New Exhibits and Day Full of Celebration

WHO: Children's Science Center Lab features fun, interactive exhibits and programs for children and families with a focus on hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

WHAT: **NEW EXHIBITS:**
The Children's Science Center Lab will celebrate its one-year birthday on July 24, 2016, with a day full of festivities and the unveiling of two big, new "gifts" to the Lab and its visitors:

- **Robotic Arm Challenge**, presented by Booz Allen Hamilton, is a one of a kind interactive technology exhibit that allows visitors to program an industrial robotic arm to complete fun tasks, the Music, Emoji, and Marble challenges.
- **Aquatic Life** exhibits will be home to seahorses and many more of children's favorite sea animals with new learning aquariums in the Experiment Bar and Discovery Zone galleries.

THREE EVENTS ON JULY 24, 2016

The Children's Science Center will host the following three events as part of our first birthday celebration:

Birthday Blast and Unveiling of New Exhibits (private event)

The Children's Science Center will host a private Birthday Blast event where it will "unwrap" the two new exhibits: Robotic Arm Challenge and Aquatic Life. Sponsors, donors and distinguished guests are invited to attend. Media are also welcome but please RSVP to media@childsci.org. This event will run 9:30 – 11:00 am.

In addition, representatives from the Center's newest partner, Northwest Federal Credit Union will be on hand to present their \$75,000 sponsorship of the Discovery Zone gallery which is designed to inspire budding scientists aged 5 and under.

Dollar Day (public event)

Dollar Day at the Children's Science Center Lab
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

General admission to the Children's Science Center Lab will be \$1 all day, a birthday present from our Fair Oaks Mall neighbor, Macy's. The general public is welcome to attend and be among the first to explore our two new exhibits.

Summer of Science Celebration (public event)

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Grand Court, Fair Oaks Mall

A free, family event, open to the general public, that includes hands-on activity tables and entertainment. Activities are health and fitness themed to tie in with the Center's Walk Run Bike Summer Challenge and include topics such as calculating basal metabolic rate, determining the amount of fat naturally occurring in foods, how energy is transferred, and how electricity can be generated on a bicycle. Entertainment will include the nationally acclaimed natural science song and dance man, **Billy B.**, and the opportunity to meet celebrity cyclist, **Tim Hoffman from Cycle 4 STEM** who will be biking 4,200 miles across America to benefit the Center.

WHERE: Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, (11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax, Va. 22033). The Lab is located inside the main mall entrance between Sears and Lord and Taylor. There is free, ample parking available.

Additional: To learn more, please visit: www.childsci.org.

About the Children's Science Center Lab:

The Children's Science Center Lab is Northern Virginia's first interactive museum where children, families and school groups can explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities and programs. In addition to four experience zones with changing exhibits and activities, the Lab includes a flex-space "Garage" for camps, classes, workshops, parties and mini expositions to showcase regional STEM talent in-action among area youth and families. The Children's Science Center's mission is to instill a love of learning STEM in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create and be inspired. The Children's Science Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at www.childsci.org.

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