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2 Millionth Visitor Gets Celebrity Welcome at Stepping Stones Museum for Children

Norwalk, CT, June 4, 2010 – Today amid a huge fan-fare of music, balloons and excited staff, Stepping Stones Museum for Children welcomed Skyler, 3, of Stamford as the museum’s 2 millionth visitor. Skyler, accompanied by her caregiver, Christine Kaelin, was awarded the first ever Lifetime Family Membership to Stepping Stones, treated to a celebration parade through the museum’s galleries and escorted to the 2 millionth visitor’s *Winner’s Circle* where Rhonda Kiest, executive director of the museum presented Skyler with a bundle of congratulatory gifts.

“We come to the museum regularly on Wednesdays for storytime,” said Christine Kaelin, Skyler’s caregiver. “We don’t usually come on Fridays, but we’re glad we did today.”

“This is an extraordinary day for Stepping Stones,” explained Rhonda Kiest, executive director of Stepping Stones. “Not only are we celebrating our 10th birthday and welcoming our 2 millionth visitor, we are preparing for the November grand opening of our state-of-the-art expansion that will feature innovative new exhibits and programs. Throughout the summer and fall, members, friends and visitors of the museum will have the opportunity to attend a number of exciting activities and events leading up to the opening day celebration.”

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. With four main galleries, a toddlers-only gallery, a new outdoor play space and more than 100 hands-on activities, Stepping Stones offers children ten and under unique opportunities to explore and discover. Museum exhibits, educational programs and special events complement efforts in schools, childcare centers and homes. In 2010, Stepping Stones is commemorating its 10th birthday with a year of celebrations, surprises and special events. Stepping Stones will celebrate the opening of its 22,000 square foot “green” expansion in November 2010, providing new exhibits and innovative programming. For more information visit steppingstonesmuseum.org or call 203 899 0606.

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Skyler, 3, of Stamford was welcomed on June 4 as Stepping Stones Museum for Children’s 2 millionth visitor.