CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER BRINGS VARIETY’S “MY BIKE” PROGRAM TO NORTH SHORE

VISITORS WILL LEARN ABOUT CUSTOM ADAPTIVE BIKES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

PITTSBURGH, June 19, 2013 – Variety of Pittsburgh staff will bring their unique knowledge of bikes and how they can be adapted for children with disabilities to Carnegie Science Center’s Bikes Plaza, sponsored by Peoples Gas, on Saturday, June 29, from noon–5 pm as part of the Science Center’s newest exhibit, BIKES: Science on Two Wheels.

Variety, an international organization founded in Pittsburgh, currently operates in 14 countries, including South Africa, Barbados, and Japan. Its mission is to provide children with disabilities in southwestern Pennsylvania with unique programs, experiences, and equipment.

Variety works to achieve this goal through its “My Bike” program, which provides adaptive bikes to children with disabilities. Variety’s one-of-a-kind bikes give children the opportunity for a type of mobility and freedom that they might not be able to experience otherwise. One of these bikes is among those on display in BIKES: Science on Two Wheels.

On Saturday, June 29, Science Center visitors can learn about the process of building these amazing adaptive bikes and interact with Variety staff, bike recipients, and therapists.

The Bikes Plaza is located on the Science Center’s back lawn along the Riverfront Trail. Outdoor programming is free and will be held on select Saturdays through October.

BIKES: Science on Two Wheels delves into the history and science behind one of America’s favorite modes of transportation through interactive exhibits and demonstrations. Carnegie Science Center has more than 60 bikes from various eras on display—made possible through partnerships with The Bicycle Museum of America, Bicycle Heaven, and others—to help visitors learn more about the evolution of the bicycle. BIKES is free with general admission. Learn more at CarnegieScienceCenter.org.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier
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science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on
exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive
museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of
Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and the Andy Warhol Museum. Annually, the museums
reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities and
special events.

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