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### **PPG and the PPG Foundation Deepen Relationship with Carnegie Science Center with \$7.5 Million Gift**

**Pittsburgh, June 28, 2017** - Carnegie Science Center officials announced today a \$7.5 million gift from PPG and the PPG Foundation – the single largest donation in the history of the Science Center. The gift expands a 36-year partnership between PPG and the Science Center that started in 1981 at the Science Center’s predecessor organization, Buhl Science Center. In more recent years PPG and the PPG Foundation have provided extensive support to Carnegie Science Center’s *Science on the Road* educational outreach program, which reaches more than 160,000 students annually, as well as support for STEM education programs. This latest donation from PPG and the PPG Foundation is earmarked for the Science Center’s new Science Pavilion, the centerpiece of more than \$42.5 million in additions and improvements to the facility. In recognition of PPG’s support, Carnegie Science Center’s Henry Buhl, Jr. Co-Directors Ron Baillie and Ann Metzger announced that the Pavilion will be named the PPG Science Pavilion. The PPG Science Pavilion is scheduled for completion in June 2018.

“We are excited to deepen our relationship with PPG and the PPG Foundation even further,” said Ann Metzger. “PPG’s interest in STEM education aligns perfectly with the Science Center’s mission and activities that will occur in our new PPG Science Pavilion expansion. Both PPG and the Science Center are invested in the education, life, and career prospects of our children and the economic vitality of the region.”

#### ***New and Expanded Programs***

The Science Center also announced additional programs made possible by the contributions from major donors including PPG and the PPG Foundation. “Our new PPG Science Pavilion will enable us to expand our capabilities to offer distance learning through video conferencing for rural schools in remote areas, use our early learner classrooms to model best practices in STEM for preschoolers, and provide camps and classes on topics such as coding, cyber security and river chemistry,” said Ron Baillie. “All are topics relevant to the Pittsburgh economy.” Camps and classes at the Science Center have operated at capacity for many years, so the new PPG Science Pavilion, with nine classrooms – including a wet lab – can offer more programs for children and adults, plus host additional teacher professional development programs on STEM education.

“As we continue to invest in building our brand and supporting our global headquarters community of Pittsburgh, we are excited to extend our partnership with Carnegie Science Center,” said Bryan Iams, PPG vice president, corporate and government affairs. “As a company who relies on thousands of chemists, material scientists, and other STEM professionals to develop and deliver the paints, coatings, and materials that our customers have trusted for more than 130 years, PPG sees firsthand the need for a skilled STEM workforce. To meet this demand – and the challenges of the changing world – we invest in resources like the PPG Science Pavilion that will excite youth about STEM fields and encourage the next generation of innovators.”

#### ***Inaugural Touring Exhibit Announced***

Baillie and Metzger also announced that “The Art of the Brick” will be the inaugural touring exhibit in the PPG Science Pavilion from June through December 2018. The PPG Science Pavilion includes a two-story, 14,000 square foot exhibitions gallery that allows for large touring exhibitions. In “The Art of the Brick,” artist Nathan Sawaya uses LEGO® bricks as an art medium, transforming a toy that almost every child has played with into contemporary art, providing an engaging experience for all ages. He will create a work specifically for the Science Center’s new PPG Science Pavilion.

#### ***About the PPG Science Pavilion***

The new PPG Science Pavilion is the centerpiece of *SPARK! A Campaign for Carnegie Science Center*, which was launched in 2014. Ambitious and visionary, the \$34.5+ million campaign includes projects that have the greatest potential to impact and expand the informal STEM education audience in our region through the PPG Science Pavilion wing which includes STEM learning labs, a special exhibitions gallery and PointView Hall, a new conference and event space overlooking the city skyline; expanded and new STEM education programs; two new permanent exhibitions – H2Oh! (science of rivers and their aquatic ecosystems) and BodyWorks (health and the human body); updates to hallmark Science Center exhibitions (roboworld™, USS Requin submarine and its early learner gallery); and replacing the existing Rangos Omnimax theater with a state-of-the-art laser digital projection system with a Dolby Atmos sound system.

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## **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 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**

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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