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***SPRING CLEANING? DONATE YOUR UNWANTED LEGO® TOYS
CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER TO COLLECT LEGO BRICKS FOR BUILDER ACTIVITIES***

PITTSBURGH, March 27, 2018 – Spring has sprung, and the season of new beginnings will no doubt motivate many families in the Pittsburgh region to do a little sprucing up around the house, especially in their children’s toy rooms or in storage areas. Now, Carnegie Science Center has a solution for parents who have been looking to give treasured LEGO® bricks a second life.

Now through summer 2018, Carnegie Science Center is collecting unwanted, gently used LEGO toys to help create a fun, building-focused activity area in its new PPG SCIENCE PAVILION™. When the activity area closes in 2019 to make way for a new theme, the LEGO toys will be donated to Play It Forward Pittsburgh™, a nonprofit that collects gently used toys and offers them for free to families who are in need or might be having a challenging year.

“The partnership with Carnegie Science Center is incredibly exciting for us,” said Heather Starr Fiedler, co-founder of Play It Forward Pittsburgh. “We know from years of experience that one of our most popular items of the tens of thousands of items we receive are LEGO bricks and building toys. They appeal to both boys and girls of all ages, so parents often choose them first. The exposure the Science Center brings to our nonprofit is invaluable and we could not be more excited to partner with such a wonderful organization.”

Those who wish to donate their LEGO toys may bring them to Carnegie Science Center Monday through Sunday between 10 am and 5 pm. The colorful bricks will be placed in a giant PPG Paints bucket in the main lobby. Stop by the museum to see our colorful progress!

Please donate LEGO® or DUPLO® brand toys only.

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.

Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on

the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or info@carnegiesciencecenter.org. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org.

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 2017, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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