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IMAGINATIONS WILL BLAST OFF IN MUSEUM'S NEW SPACE STATION EXHIBIT OPENING OCT. 15

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Calling all aspiring astronauts, engineers and Jedi Knights! Please Touch Museum®, the Children's Museum of Philadelphia, has transformed one of its most popular galleries into an outer space adventure that is sure to send imaginations soaring to new heights.

Space Station, launching on Friday, Oct. 15, is a high-flying addition to the Flight Fantasy exhibit, where kids can use their own energy to make things fly. The new exhibit area offers kids a variety of play experiences that will capture imaginations and inspire creative experiments.

A centerpiece of the exhibit is the shiny silver rocket that soars above young visitors. Inspired by this work of awe, kids can build their own rockets and utilize the colorful launchers to blast their creations into space. An 18-foot steel Ring Tower provides youngsters with plenty of targets, as kids can attempt to shoot their rocket through the rings.

Kids can suit up like astronauts in front of a blue screen and pretend to walk in space or fly their very own rocket ship through the solar system. At the Busy Board, astronauts-in-training can practice their flying skills, as each lever and button on the board produces a different space-aged effect.

Kids of all ages will enjoy perusing the exhibit's rocket-shaped display cases, which display space-themed toys from the museum's contemporary toy collection. Among the highlights of the display is more than three decades' worth of *Star Wars* toys, including action figures from the original 1977 space epic through playthings from the current Clone Wars animated TV series.

Space Station expands the visitor experience of the *Flying Machine*, which closed in June.

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Please Touch Museum® at Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by providing learning opportunities through play. Recognized locally and nationally as one of the best children's museums, Please Touch is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-581-3181, or visit our web site at www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.