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The New Britain Youth Museum is Reimagining its Future: Providing exceptional programs and exhibits to the community.

New Britain, CT — 5/15/25 — For more than six decades the New Britain Youth Museum has continually evolved to serve children and families and it is excited to announce it is planning for the next bold reimagining of its future. During this transformation, the 30 High Street location will be closing (June 2, 2025) and Youth Museum programs will be offered at locations in the community. Additionally, new exhibits for “Young Explorers” will be opened at the organization’s other location, the Hungerford Nature Center (191 Farmington Ave, Berlin).

“This transition marks a new chapter for the organization, reaffirming its commitment to delivering exceptional, accessible programming for the New Britain community,” said Melissa Santos, Chair of the New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center Committee.

What began over 65 years ago as a small natural history collection in the basement of the New Britain Public Library, transformed into a children’s museum in 1955 and has been reinvented many times since. “It is a thriving organization that provides educational opportunities to local community members and is becoming a regional draw for all kinds of visitors,” stated Geoffrey Bray, President of the New Britain Institute which oversees the New Britain Youth Museum. The Hungerford Nature Center site has become the heart of its mission in recent years.

Just a ten-minute drive from downtown New Britain, the Hungerford Nature Center site offers free parking and a wide array of experiences for visitors of all ages. Guests are invited to experience:

- **Over 50 animal ambassadors**, including native, exotic, and barnyard animals
- **Wooded trails, a playscape, gardens, a pond, and picnic areas** that are perfect for summer exploration
- **Brand new “Young Explorers” exhibits** debuting soon in both the exhibit hall and the Children’s Garden

“We are incredibly excited about the future of the New Britain Youth Museum,” said Dr. Tami Christopher, Executive Director. “We are committed to delivering high-quality educational programs and exhibits that serve our mission and reach all of our community members.”

For more information, please visit www.newbritainyouthmuseum.org

About the New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center:

The New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center engages its community by sparking curiosity, nurturing understanding, and encouraging stewardship of the natural world. It serves thousands of students, families, and adults every year through its membership, educational programs, and summer camp. It is a branch of the New Britain Institute, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 legacy organization founded in 1853.