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Real People, Amazing Jobs Exhibit Sponsored at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

CONCORD, NH – A new exhibit at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center has been generously sponsored by Linda L. and Terry W. Robinson. The exhibit offers an inspirational role-model experience and is entitled Real People, Amazing Jobs: Maria Zuber.

The interactive Linda and Terry Robinson chose to sponsor provides a fun and accessible way for visitors to connect with a professor of geophysics, Maria Zuber, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The touch-screens provide videos and pictures not only of Zuber's work as a scientist, but her life, hobbies and interests. The connections visitors can make start on a personal level. They can identify with her interests and lifestyle while understanding that they too could pursue a scientific career.

“Donating to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center helps to create an outstanding air and space museum and fosters programs aimed at inspiring young people to pursue excellence in STEM fields,” said Linda Robinson.

Currently, the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is undertaking a substantial expansion which will enable it to become the preeminent center for experiential education in Earth and space science, astronomy, and aviation in New England. The 45,000-square-foot science center will provide opportunities for discovery and inspiration for people from communities throughout the region.

Phase I of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center project, completed in March 2009, included construction of the facility, upgrade of the planetarium theater, and the addition of new exhibits and programs. Based upon national education standards in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), these exhibits and programs provide engaging, interactive learning experiences for students, teachers, and families.

Phase II is focused on the Astronomy Gallery, which will provide a comprehensive look at the universe in which we live including exploration of the electromagnetic spectrum, orbital mechanics, gravity, key astronomical discoveries, and the process of scientific thinking. Planning for this gallery is currently underway. Phase III will focus on the creation of the Aeronautics Wing, including a flight simulation center with F/A-18E and Cessna simulators.

Touch the Future, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization formed for the sole purpose of supporting programs and the expansion of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center.

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