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Laconia Savings Bank Sponsors Real People, Amazing Jobs Exhibit

CONCORD, NH – Laconia Savings Bank has chosen to sponsor the Real People, Amazing Jobs Exhibit: Barry Rock at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center.

The interactive provides a fun and accessible way for visitors to connect with Dr. Barrett Rock, professor of Forestry, Botany and Remote Sensing at the University of New Hampshire. The touch-screens provide a dynamic look into his life, hobbies and interests. Visitors can connect at a personal level, yet be inspired to consider careers in the scientific field.

“Laconia Savings Bank is proud to be a supporter of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. We have been supporting our local New Hampshire communities for more than 178 years. We are fulfilling our mission to enhance the communities where we serve, live and work by supporting the expansion of the Discovery Center,” said Mark Primeau, President and CEO of Laconia Savings Bank. “The educational programs in science, technology and engineering that youth experience at the Center are invaluable to their future.”

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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