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## **Energize Connecticut Center Hosts Annual Earth Day Celebration**

Free daylong event will feature family-friendly science and environmental activities

**NORTH HAVEN, Conn. – March 24, 2016** – On Saturday, April 23, the Energize Connecticut partners will host its Annual Earth Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Energize Connecticut Center, located at 122 Universal Drive North in North Haven (next to Panera Bread in the Target Plaza). The event is *free of charge* and open to the public.

The Energize Connecticut Center is the only place in the state that provides people of all ages with a hands-on learning experience to discover the important role that energy plays in our daily lives.

During the Earth Day Celebration, family-friendly entertainment and educational, energy-focused activities are scheduled throughout the day.

Bash the Trash Environmental Arts will be on-hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help attendees of all ages build musical instruments out of recycled and reused materials.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Mad Science, a leading science enrichment provider in the Northeast, will conduct a number of science activities, including "Energy Blast" and "Fantastic Forces."

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) will conduct interactive robot demonstrations all day long. FIRST provides programs that encourage young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Other entertainment, activities and special guests include:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Animal Embassy will be on-hand with rescue animals for children and their families to learn more about
- 11 a.m. to p.m. Energy and earth themed face painting
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Danny Magic comedy and magic show
- Noon to 3 p.m. Billy the Clown will provide balloon animal and clown shows
- All day: Appearances by Effy the Energy-Efficient Dinosaur, who will be available for children to meet and take pictures with
- All day: Families can make energy themed arts and crafts
- All day: Girl Scouts of Connecticut will provide guests with information about their programs and have crafts for sale
- All day: Phil's Garden Center of North Haven will be selling seasonal plants

To see a full schedule of the day's activities and more information, please visit <u>EnergizeCT.com/earth-day-2016</u>.



## About the Energize Connecticut Center

The Energize Connecticut Center is the only place in the state that provides children and adults with a hands-on learning experience to discover the important role that energy plays in our daily lives – free of charge. Its interactive exhibits and state-of-the-art displays showcase different energy sources, demonstrate how we use energy, and convey the benefits of smart energy choices, including cost savings, comfort, convenience, sustainability, and environmental impacts.

Open to visitors of all ages, the Energize Connecticut Center is professionally staffed with energy experts to help you learn about the latest energy efficient and renewable energy ideas and technologies. For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:EnergizeCT.com/center">EnergizeCT.com/center</a> or call 203-799-0460.

## About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at <a href="EnergizeCT.com">EnergizeCT.com</a> or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

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