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### ***Living in Space on View at Fort Worth Museum of Science and History January 17 – May 10, 2009***

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – *Living in Space*, an interactive exhibition inspired by the International Space Station (ISS) and created in collaboration with NASA, opens at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History (FWMSH) Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 and runs through Sunday, May 10. Because of Museum construction, the exhibition is on view in the lower-level galleries of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame (1720 Gendy Street).

ISS, the single largest international aerospace project ever undertaken by humankind, represents a partnership of 16 countries that has opened up new frontiers of international cooperation, as well as the peaceful and productive pursuit of new worlds. *Living in Space* allows visitors to become ISS crewmembers for a day as they engage in a multitude of astronaut activities. This unique environment is the basis for a fascinating immersion experience – a window into a day in the life of an ISS crewmember.

“Through the *Living in Space* exhibit, children and adults will discover how crewmembers live, work and play in the extreme environment of outer space,” said Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Vice President of Education Kit Goolsby. “This is a great opportunity for families and school groups to actively learn together in an innovative and unique environment.”

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## *Living in Space*

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*Living in Space*, which was developed and built by the Children's Museum of Memphis, is divided into three distinct parts: 1) Living in Space, which shows visitors how different it is to live in space, including food, sleep, and hygiene; 2) Working in Space, which concentrates on crewmembers' actual work in space such as building and maintaining the ISS, using the special equipment onboard and docking with the Space Shuttle; and 3) Playing in Space, which shows that living in space is not just all work and no play as astronauts need a break from their busy schedules when they are orbiting Earth.

The Living in Space section includes three areas: eat in space; potty in space; and sleep in space. Working in Space includes seven areas: meet the shuttle; a model for cooperation; Canadarm2; fit for space; floating to work; dress for space; and science in space. Play in Space includes two areas: packed with fun and weightless wonders.

For more information or to purchase exhibition tickets, visit the Museum website at [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or call 817-255-9300.

Dedicated to life-long learning and anchored by its rich collections, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History engages its diverse community through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. Since the mid-1980s, the Museum has annually welcomed nearly a million visitors, making it one of the most popular cultural attractions in North Texas.

The Museum is currently in the process of building a new facility in the heart of Fort Worth's Cultural District. The world-class facility, designed by internationally renowned architects, Legorreta+Legorreta, will open in late 2009 and will feature a collection of new exhibits and programs developed by the Museum's staff and a team of nationally recognized designers.