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NEWS ADVISORY**

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Subject: Discovery Place New Operating Hours

Beginning Monday, March 2, Discovery Place will be open:

- Monday – Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sunday: noon – 5 p.m.

The Museum's Tryon Street entrance will be closed Monday – Friday. During weekdays, guests can access the building through the Museum's entrances at the corner of 6th and Church Streets and Level 3 which is accessible through the Museum's parking garage.

Currently undergoing a \$31.6 million renovation, Discovery Place is an ever-changing science and technology museum featuring hundreds of interactive exhibits where guests can peer through the treetops in a tropical rainforest; watch a rat play basketball or visit *The Charlotte Observer* IMAX® Dome Theatre and become immersed in nature with Discovery Films or feel the excitement of the latest Full-length Feature Films on the largest dome screen in the Carolinas.

Visitors also can step right up and take the spotlight in *Circus!* the Museum's current exhibition. Featuring more than 20 multi-station, interactive exhibits that amaze, thrill, perplex and entertain, *Circus!* offers visitors an opportunity to discover the secrets of science under the big top. *Circus!* is on exhibition through Friday, July 3 and is free with Museum admission.

Discovery Place is located in uptown Charlotte at 301 N. Tryon Street. Convenient parking is available in the Museum's parking garage – the Carol Grotnes Belk Complex – at the corner of Sixth and Church Streets. For more information about Discovery Place, guests should call 704-372-6261 or visit discoveryplace.org.

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