



## Ithaca's Sciencecenter to benefit museums struck by natural disaster

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Along with the homes, businesses and schools slammed by hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires across the continent in recent weeks are other scarred institutions: museums.

Ithaca's Sciencecenter is helping to heal these wounds. On November 10th, 50 percent of the Sciencecenter's admissions proceeds will benefit the Association of Children's Museums and the Association of Science-Technology Centers in efforts to relieve museums affected by recent events like Hurricane Harvey and the Central Mexico Earthquake.

Sciencecenter Executive Director Dean Briere said, "As part of a global community of science museums, the Sciencecenter would like to support our colleagues in the field of science centers and science museums and their staff who have been affected by these disasters. We hope that in so doing we will prompt others across the globe to do the same."

The date coincides with the second annual International Science Center and Science Museum Day (ISCSMD), along with UNESCO's World Science Day for Peace and Development. In recognition, science centers and museums around the world "share current research and present interactive activities about topics such as climate, human health, conservation, and other global issues," according to Sciencecenter's news release.

"ISCSMD is a day to celebrate the most influential forces in engaging the public with science, technology, related civic decision-making, and direct action to solve critical issues facing the planet," Briere said.

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