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Science Group in Camden Offers Free Programming to Local Children

Camden, NJ - The initiative, titled *Access TrOutreach*, will bring science-based lessons, educational theater, and live animal experiences into Camden City schools and pre-school centers throughout the winter months. This comes as an effort to connect with some of the youngest members of the Camden community.

Made possible through a \$12,500 gift of from Campbell Soup Foundation and an additional \$2,500 from Delaware River Port Authority the New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences (NJAAAS) will be able to bring *Access TrOutreach* programming into up to 30 schools, and childcare groups in Camden. The programs, valued at \$500 each, are being offered to all Title I schools, shelter and foster care programs, churches, day care centers, and after school programs catering to underprivileged children in the city.

The available programs range from aquatic-themed puppet shows to classroom lessons featuring live animals, and are recommended for children ages 3 to 11 years. Each is facilitated by a trained staff of educators and performers.

Access TrOutreach is part of *TrOutreach Traveling Programs* which has been taking quality educational experiences on the road for over ten years. The effort takes as its inspiration, the now obsolete *Aquarium Access* program which offered corporate sponsored visits to the New Jersey State Aquarium until its closing last year.

Since handing over operation of the Aquarium facility in Camden to a for-profit developer (Steiner + Associates), the not-for-profit New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences has remained focused on science education, research, and youth development programs both in the city and abroad.

*The New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences
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education and youth development programs.*

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