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## **"It's a Nano World" Exhibition Opens** *Some things are too small to see with just your eyes*

ITHACA, NY - *It's a Nano World*, a new traveling exhibition at the Sciencenter, introduces children and their families to the biological wonders of the nano world. The exhibition inspires curiosity and creates a context for future learning about nanobiotechnology. Nanobiotechnology is a field in which scientists and engineers build innovative tools to study biology at the nanometer scale.

The hands-on exhibits focus on the "adventures" of very tiny things and using the tools scientists use to see them. At the "Magnification Station," visitors can use microscopes of different strengths to look at items such as shells, paper, sand and hair. Children can become larger than life at the "Giant Magnifying Glass" and can learn about the effects of small things in the air while playing "Germ, dust and pollen pinball." There is also a "Giant Blood Drop" represented by a large ball pit filled with 1000+ red balls (red blood cells) and the challenge is to hunt for the one white ball (white blood cell.)

The 3,000 square foot exhibition was created through a partnership of the Nanobiotechnology Center at Cornell University and the Sciencenter. The exhibition will be going on tour starting in Fall 2003. Further information is available at [www.itsananoworld.org](http://www.itsananoworld.org).

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