



**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 – Children’s Museum 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Fair (participants, teacher & judges)**

**Sisters Juliana and Margarita Morgun did more than take home the grand prize at the Children’s Museum 10<sup>th</sup> annual Science & Technology Fair.**

**They resolved a conflict. “I thought one hair straightener worked better on my hair and she thought the other hair straightener did,” said Juliana in describing the motivation for their project to the judges Saturday. Children’s Museum Board Members Celia Domser, MS, MVCC Professor Emeritus, Joe Ribaldo, PhD Utica College Ass’t Physics Professor, and Brad Brown, MS, Sr VP of The Gemini Group were the judges for the fair, which saw participation from nine JFK Middle School seventh-graders in Utica.**

**After trying both of them on her sister’s hair on varying days and doing some online research, Juliana didn’t hesitate to admit her sister had been right. “The Chi is better because, you see the ceramic irons here? They’re not as wide, but they’re thicker than the Andia hair straightener, which puts more heat on your hair and makes it straighter,” she said. “And it preserves the shine to make it look silkier and not as frizzy.”**

**Senad Libic took home first place for his project, “Taste of ROYGBIV.” Senad had 20 people try white, flavorless Jello cubes and then red flavorless Jello cubes made with food coloring. He did the same for 20 other test subjects, but had them wear blindfolds. I thought that the people that were blindfolded wouldn’t experience the taste because it’s maybe just the brain linking the color to a certain taste” he said. “And that ended up being proven true.”**

**Marlene B. Brown, executive director, said the fair was a success in that it fueled the kids’ interests in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. “And if they get excited about researching and looking into the STEM areas, then that drives them into the direction of the future,” she said.**