

President's Corner

Winter 2009



Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum

At The Children's Museum, winter comes in special ways. Little Foot, our Canada lynx, gets his seasonal coat. Kids are looking through microscopes at snowflakes instead of leaves. The summer garden at Roaring Brook Nature Center becomes home to the winter bird feeders. Our annual fundraising appeal is in the mail just in time for the season of giving. And a new year gives us a chance to look back and look ahead.

Looking back, we continue to weather one of the worst economic times in recent memory. For The Children's Museum, it's been a challenging time. Unlike other places that are so well funded with taxpayer dollars, we rely on earned and contributed revenue. So, we celebrate the hard work that went into a good year in terms of members, visitors, programs, and donors. We thank our friends like you, as well as an amazing staff that brings science and nature to more than 200,000 children and families.

Looking ahead, expect to see some changes, too.

- A new exhibit focused on flight, and hopefully a major change in our main exhibit hall as well
- More special events and classes every month, including some just for members
- Fun learning opportunities for kids like our new Junior Keepers Club at the Wildlife Sanctuary
- New planetarium shows
- A more active Website that connects what kids see and do here with what they can see and do at home
- More professional development for elementary school teachers who are so hungry for science and nature to bring into their classrooms
- And the expected launch of our capital campaign to relocate in West Hartford by 2014

All of this will be at the one and only place in Connecticut that offers both science and nature education for younger kids that's truly hands on and fun.

Winter is a great time at The Children's Museum and at our Roaring Brook Nature Center - please join us. Happy holidays.

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