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A periodic look at the progress at the World Awareness Children's Museum



Banner Announces Location of the Future Home of the World Awareness Children's Museum

It takes a village to raise a museum. Through the efforts of talented community volunteers, we are creating a new home for the World Awareness Children's Museum. By now most of you have seen the large colorful banner hanging on the side of 89 Warren Street. The banner represents our collective vision for the future of the museum.



The Museum's Board of Trustees started the ball rolling last spring with the purchase of 89 Warren Street. Lisa Sheridan, President of the Board of Trustees asked her colleagues on the board to make the first gifts to the campaign to raise funds for the new Museum. According to Mrs. Sheridan, "this is a very exciting time for the Museum. We are all challenged to create a special place that offers a new level of exciting global exhibitions for our children and provide adequate space to house this unique collection of international children's art." The Board responded with their time, treasure and talent;

each member has made a gift to the campaign and has committed whatever personal effort is necessary to see the vision come to life.

Since early May, a Building Committee has been meeting weekly, often at 6:00am, to begin the process of evaluating the current structure and creating a vision of the future museum. The Building Committee has taken a shell of a structure and brought life and energy to the plan. The drawings are still in draft form as of now, but you will be among the first to see them. This committee is under the able leadership of Elizabeth Little Hogan and Susan Liucci.

Simultaneously, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee has also been meeting weekly, generating the strategic plan for a successful capital campaign. Each step is progress toward the goal. The case for support has been well crafted, the visual images are vibrant, and the story is unique and ready to be shared. Dolores Carruthers leads the Steering Committee's weekly meeting; her enthusiasm for the museum is contagious.

The Communications Committee, chaired by Jill Guillet, has held two focus groups to date, to gather feedback about our museum and our vision for the future. Through another collaborative effort you will soon see children's art in the front windows of the museum while it is under renovation. Our progress is exciting and through the *OnSite/InSight* you will be able to share our progress.

We are one of the best-kept secrets in the Glens Fall/North Country area. We don't take that as a badge of honor, but rather as a challenge. The Museum's mission to "sow the seeds of tolerance" is not only timely but also powerful in our world today. We are the place for children and their families to experience the cultures of the world. You are a stockholder in a museum that makes our world just a little smaller, friendly and more accessible, for all to enjoy. Remember it does take a village. H

Collins + Scoville Selected as Architect for Building Renovation

Collins + Scoville, Architects, P.C. of Albany has been selected for the renovation of 89 Warren Street. Tom Kenney of the firm was a guest at last year's Genie Challenge; one conversation led to another and as early as last spring Tom was donating his time and talent to begin the initial assessment of the building.

Several initial drawings have been reviewed, more information is being gathered and shortly we expect to be able to unveil our exciting floor plan. H

VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

"I am thrilled to be a part of an organization that can positively influence not just the children in the North Country region but can spread this important message of tolerance and global understanding to young people throughout the world."

Lisa Sheridan, President of the Board of Trustees,
World Awareness Children's Museum



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