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



GEARING UP FOR A BUSY YEAR AHEAD

Exterior renovations are complete and the elevator is in, so we can now turn our attention to renovating the second floor's office and collection spaces. Once the staff has moved in, they along with our consultants, can begin to fabricate and install the exhibition and interactive galleries on the ground floor.

We are pleased to have raised over \$1.3 million and while it appears that our capital campaign is nearly complete, we will have to adjust our budget due to multi-year pledges and construction cost increases. We want to use cash-on-hand for the renovations and not incur a debt load through bank loans. As of this writing, we have \$200,000 cash-on-hand for the interior, but need an additional \$200,000 to start this construction phase.

continue to collect international youth art, plan many exciting off-site art exhibitions, conduct educational outreach programs in schools around the region, and organize fundraisers for the operating budget or the capital campaign. THREE (yes 3!!!) organizations have volunteered to coordinate events this spring to raise dollars for the building renovations. We are thrilled that as the Museum's visibility increases, the community is stepping up to say, "Let's get this building open! Let's provide this wonderful space to our children!"

We appreciate your past support as a donor. You may want to attend or participate in any of these events to continue your support:

SOUTH GLENS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL DANCE MARATHON:
Friday, March 6 & 7
South Glens Falls High School Gym
42 Merritt Road
South Glens Falls



The Museum is one of 22 causes to benefit from this amazing event by the students who dance their hearts out at South High. Past marathons have raised over \$200,000. Contact Tom Myott, 792-9987 or visit their website: www.shmd.org

CITY OF GLENS FALLS 1st ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:
Sunday, March 15
12 - 8 PM
Glen Falls High School
15 Quade St., Glens Falls



Open to local businesses and organizations who wish to sponsor a team for 3-on-3 games. Teams may be co-gender, 18 and older. Registration fee of \$75.00/team; deadline March 6, 2009. Trophies, prizes and recognition will be awarded to the winning team and the sponsoring organization. Contact Bianca Perilli, City of Glens Falls, bperilli@cityofglensfalls.org or 518-615-0446.

WALK AROUND THE WORLD STROLLER PARADE:

Sponsored by the North Country Association for the Education of Young Children.
Saturday, April 18
10 AM
City Park, Glens Falls



Families will walk a 3/4 mile route with decorated strollers, wagons, and pull toys and get their "passport" stamped at seven locations when they discover images or objects from another land. Lunch provided. Families and teams will raise at least \$25.00 to participate and prizes are awarded to top fundraisers. Contact Lynne Rosenthal, lrosenthal@worldchildrensmuseum.org, 793-2773.



One unplanned expenditure will be a move on March 2nd from our temporary offices on Glen St. because of planned renovations by that building's new owner. Fortunately, we will be able to rent adequate space at 79 Warren St., just two doors west of the new building, making our final move a bit easier.

Our strategy is to seek funding from local government, foundations, fundraising events (keep reading!) and in-kind donations from construction suppliers.

With these challenges ahead, our small army of staff and volunteers are busier than ever. We

EMPIRE ZONE TAX CREDITS

The Museum's Empire Zone tax status allows an additional 25% tax credit on your NYS Income tax return for donations of \$5000 or more. Multiple-year pledges qualify if the total amount equals or exceeds \$5000. Limited tax credits are still available. Call the Museum at 793-2773 for more information.



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