



Dear Friends,

10/26/07

This has been a great year! The Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum is open to the public. We provided families a safe, nurturing place to play, offered programming that was fun and informative and brought the Circus back to town. It would not have been possible without the tremendous support of local individuals and businesses. Thank You!

As you can imagine, in order for the Museum to be accessible for all families, our admission fees alone do not cover our operating expenses. The cost of designing and constructing new exhibits is substantial in itself coupled with staff salaries, facility costs, insurance and more. Your financial support will help us achieve our overall mission and also keep admission prices affordable for all.

We see the Museum as a wonderful new community resource for families and we know you do too. Your continued support will enable us to offer children a safe and nurturing place to learn and grow while also expanding the programs and exhibits available. Please help us make 2008 a great year for children at the Mt. Washington Valley Children's Museum. Please make a donation in any amount you can today. Thank you for being a member!

To thank you for your donation, we will be adding a special ornament to our Christmas tree in your honor. Your family name will be painted onto the ornament and you can pick it up at our First Night celebration from 3-5 pm on December 21st. Be sure to check out page two of this document to see the exciting events that are in the works. We are also working hard on the 2008 Events Calendar. If you have suggestions please email us at smorin@mwvchildrensmuseum.org.

Sincerely,

Shelly

Shelly Morin

Executive Director

MWV Children's Museum

Tear here and return in envelope.

Mt. Washington Valley Children's Museum – Donation Form

Yes, I want to see the Mt. Washington Valley Children's Museum expand its educational and entertaining programs and exhibits – enclosed is my donation.

Donation

\$200 \$150 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10

Payment by check (payable to the Mt. Washington Valley Children's Museum)

Payment by credit card:

VISA MasterCard

Number:

Signature:

Exp. Date:

Thank you for your generous financial support towards the Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum. We are 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible. Tax Id # 22-3914882

THE MWV CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FALL 2007-2008

New Exhibits and Programs:

Tree House Exhibit – Children will be able to explore a multi-level tree house that will be a climbing structure, helping to teach children more about our environment and man's role in the working forest. We were awarded \$14,000 for this exhibit by the Ham Foundation!

Milking Cow-Where does milk come from? Children will be able to milk a life sized model cow and see the water go into a pail. Educational signage and accompanying programming about making healthy eating choices will also be a component of this new attraction. This fits perfectly with into our Healthy Choices, Nutrition Exhibit.

Children's Playgroups– Young children can partake in age-appropriate activities. These programs will serve to encourage caregivers to network with others caring for children of the same age while offering children the chance to socialize. Groups will be offered for babies, toddlers and pre-school aged children. Guest speakers will be booked to support our groups. Dayna Martin of the La Leche League was our first guest on September 28th at 10 am. Other discussions are in the planning phase. Parents and caregivers can call the museum to get more details and get involved in a group. Members participate for free and non-members can attend for \$5 per person age one and up per session.

Mountain Top Music Series-We will be hosting monthly presentations by Mountain Top Music's Jeremy Larochelle. Wednesdays at 11:15 am young children can participate in a fun and educational musical program intended to inspire their interest in music. This represents one of many exciting collaborations we are developing with other local non-profits. The Unity Foundation of Unity Maine is the sponsor for this program. Members participate for free and non-members can attend for \$5 per person age one and up per session.

Zippity Zoo-Through a generous grant from the Pequawket Foundation, we are hosting Zippity Zoo from Wildlife Encounters. From September-May, every third Friday, three wildlife ambassadors will be here to educate and delight audiences. Children and adults can see, touch and learn more about the special animals that share our planet. Members attend one session for free and non-members can attend for \$5 per person age one and up per session.

HalloWEEn party-This is a fun, non-scary approach to celebrating the fall season and Halloween. Children can dress-up, have a special picture taken, eat treats, listen to music, play, dance and enjoy the museum. Members participate for free and non-members can attend for \$5 per person age one and up per session. Grants Supermarket, Hannaford, Shaws and Ruthies Flower Shop are this events' sponsors.

Healing Arts- Toddlers and preschoolers will learn more about the power of their bodies to work, stretch, heal and grow. A combination of complimentary healing art techniques will be taught to toddlers and preschoolers as their parents help to encourage the powerful connection between the body and mind. We are in the process of scheduling Kidnegarten-2nd grade yoga for vacation weeks.

Baby Yoga-We have scheduled baby yoga for new parents and child care providers of new babies. Starting November 6th-December 11th on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Babies and caregivers will benefit from this special bonding experience. The cost to members is \$5 per session and non-members \$8 per session. Payment for the six week program is due at the first class. We are looking for a sponsor for this event. For \$360 you or your business could be our sponsor for this wonderful offering. Baby yoga aids in digestion, eases fussiness, is a wonderful bonding experience and releases tension for new parents and their babies.

First Night-We are a part of the Valley's First Night Celebrations in 2007, December 31st from 3-5 pm. Hear stories, have your face painted, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, make fun crafts and more.

Birthdays-We are still booking private birthday parties for anyone interested in sharing their big day at the MWV Children's Museum. The cost for members is \$67.50 and non-members is \$75. We also have special themed birthday parties. We take care of all of the details. The charge is \$120 for a party of 12. Terrific add on options can really personalize your celebration and add to the ease of hosting your child's birthday with us.

Baby Showers-Looking for a place to host a baby shower? Have it here! For the same cost as a birthday party we will provide you with a space that sets the perfect tone. New moms will receive helpful information about our offerings including new mom support groups, baby slings, gift memberships to the museum and more. We are happy to help organize the event for an additional charge. With any package we will clean up after it is done. Call for details.

Childcare and school groups-We are open to childcare and school group outings and have special rates and offerings dependent on needs and numbers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Know that every donation makes a huge difference. Your membership and involvement in our museum is valued and we appreciate your ongoing support. We will keep you posted about upcoming events.