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Greetings!

BIG NEWS! - our offices are now onsite in Rye and at long last, we are set to transform Playland's long-abandoned North Bathhouse into an incredible place for family fun and discovery - the Westchester Children's Museum.

And while we're working hard to raise funds and finalize plans needed to open our museum doors by the summer of 2015, I'm proud to report that our Museum Without Walls education team has worked with over 10,000 children to date - providing more than 500 interactive programs at our thirty-six partner institutions.

We could not have gotten this far without the generous support of thousands of families from across the region. Whether you've been following our progress for years or are only just hearing about the project for the first time, ***please consider including the museum in your year-end charitable giving.***

From all of us - board, staff and volunteers - our sincerest thanks and best wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Tracy R. Kay
Executive Director

PS Click [HERE](#) to read our year-end appeal or [DONATE NOW](#).



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WAEYC Grant

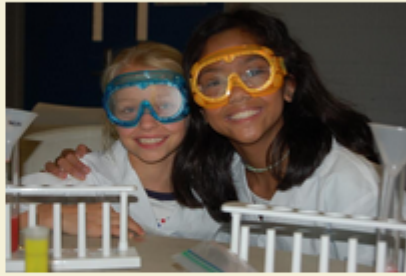


The Campaign for the Westchester Children's Museum received a \$25,000 grant from the Westchester Association for the Education of Young Children (WAEYC). "We are proud to be a supporter of this very valuable resource for Westchester County," said WAEYC board member Jeanette Mirabile.

The WAEYC strives to influence local, state, and federal policy issues on behalf of young children and takes pride in their advocacy for quality early childhood education. This grant will be used to support part of the Toddler Zone in the future museum.

Museum Without Walls Offers "Science Saturdays"

With support from the **Junior League of Westchester on the Sound**, Museum Without Walls (MWW) instructors will be setting up class at several public libraries in the coming months for an hour of fun educational activities. Many of MWW's popular weekday programs will



take place on Saturdays at the Mamaroneck, Harrison, and Port Chester libraries with activities offered for both preschool and school age students including: Save the Earth/Recycling, Discovering Fossils, Strawberry DNA Extraction, Solar Energy, and Wind Inventions. Don't forget -Saturday, February 1st is national "Take Your Child to the Library" day!

Moving On Up

With all political hurdles now behind us, we have relocated our offices to Playland so that we can ramp up our fundraising efforts and oversee the construction set to begin next fall. Our phone number remains the same at (914) 421-5050. Please make a note of our new mailing address: PO Box 397, Rye, NY 10580.

Special thanks go out to:

Arthur Carpana, volunteer extraordinaire, who singlehandedly packed over 50 boxes in preparation for the move.

Gentle Giant Moving Co., who moved those 50+ boxes, along with all of our furniture and Museum Without Walls supplies, into our new office in the rain. And FOR FREE!



And Top Line

Communications, who donated and installed a complete phone system for the trailer.



We truly feel honored to have the support of so many individuals and local businesses and can't wait to open our doors to the community.

Calling All Volunteers!



We are still looking for a few volunteers to lead and/or assist with classroom programs as part of our Museum Without Walls program. Must be available during the school day or for after-school activities from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Please call (914) 421-5050 or e-mail info@discoverWCM.org to sign up, and thank you!

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