

Annual Report

September 2008 – August 2009



Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum

The Traveling museum

October 2009

The mission of the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum is to arouse curiosity and stimulate an interest in learning. Traveling exhibits and programs provide participatory educational programs based on objects and artifacts in the areas of science and the humanities. Programs are designed to serve people of all ages.

The museum was founded in 1978 to offer additional and unique educational and cultural opportunities to residents in the Capital Region. The Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum is an all-traveling museum that goes to communities within a 50 mile radius of our administrative office. While we do not offer traditional museum exhibits at our headquarters, over 72,000 people enjoyed our traveling programs this past year

The museum is a non-profit educational organization that meets the rigorous guidelines necessary to hold a permanent charter from the NYS Regents and offers a wide range of programs developed to enhance the NYS Learning Standards.

*"The children
learned a lot
in a fun and
engaging way."*

*"I was impressed
with the number
of artifacts and
resources we
saw."*

Message from the President and Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 2008-2009 annual report for the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. This has been a challenging year for the organization, as it has been for many non-profits in these tough economic times. The Museum's Board of Trustees made adjustments proactively, allowing the Museum to continue to deliver quality programs. This year the Museum presented 2,738 programs, reaching nearly 70,000 people in the Capital District. New programs introduced included The Technology Petting Zoo and Dutch Beads. Many of the Museum's current programs have been updated and revised. A needs assessment survey was conducted, the results of which will be used to make decisions on future program development.

2009 marks the 31st anniversary of the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. Since 1978, the Museum has reached more than **1.4 million people** in the Capital Region. The Museum Board, volunteers, and staff look forward to continuing our mission of arousing curiosity and stimulating an interest in learning.

Sincerely,

Dee Pangburn
President, Board of Trustees

Diana Bennett
Executive Director

Museum Programs

In-School Programs

The In-School Programs offered by the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum are classroom based, curriculum related programs for public and private elementary and middle schools and other educational settings. Museum teachers travel to scheduled sites, presenting over fifty topics covering science, math, social studies, character education, and language arts. In the 2008-2009 school year, 2541 programs were presented to a total of **55,508** students. The most requested programs in the past school year were as follows:

- ▶ Measures for Measuring
- ▶ What's the Scoop
- ▶ Beautiful Insects
- ▶ Wonder of Simple Machines
- ▶ Furry Neighbors
- ▶ Moon Jar
- ▶ Honeybee Business
- ▶ Mexico: Yesterday and Today
- ▶ What is in a Bird's Nest?
- ▶ Talk About the Weather
- ▶ They Lived Along the Mohawk
- ▶ From Pulp to Paper

"You always have the best presenters with wonderful programs!"

"My students were engaged, excited and interested."

Beyond the Classroom

The museum presents a special series that offers a mixture of our most popular in-school programs and creative art focused programs for after school programs, day camps, libraries, community events, scout troop, meetings, etc. Programs offered include Popcorn, What's the Scoop, Lots of Bubbles, and Charcoal Drawing. This past program year, 179 programs were presented to **13,450** youth participants.

"This is consistently one of the best learning experiences of our year!"

Leisure Time Learning

Because learning is a life long activity, the museum offers special programs for senior centers, retirement facilities and nursing homes. The programs feature a variety of programs in music, history and the arts. Eighteen programs were presented to **473** senior citizens this past program year.

"What a great learning experience for everyone!"

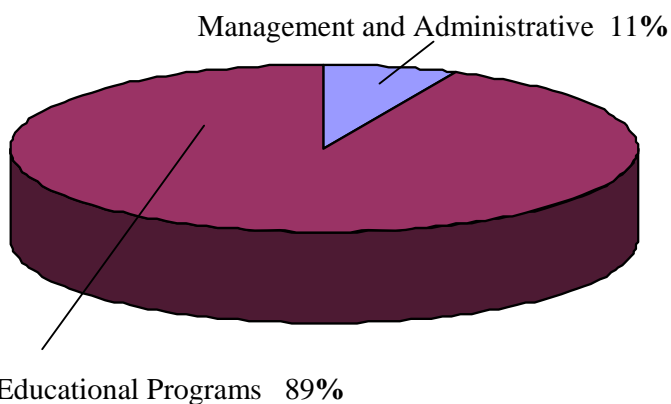
Traveling Museum Visits by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Albany	707	18,291
Columbia	12	431
Fulton	99	2,261
Greene	12	319
Herkimer	2	56
Montgomery	106	2,476
Rensselaer	261	5,999
Saratoga	972	22,631
Schenectady	480	14,890
Schoharie	5	290
Warren	60	1,329
Washington	22	458
Total	2,738	69,431

"The program was in-line with district and state requirements, highly motivating and interesting"

Financial Report 2008 – 2009

Spending 2008—2009



*“The many artifacts
and visuals enhanced
the presentation. The
children LOVED
being able to
touch everything.”*

Balance Sheet as of 8/31/09

Current Assets	76,252.72
Fixed Assets	93,234.05
Investments	31,620.74
Total Assets	201,107.51

Accounts Payable	1,268.05
Current Liabilities	8,164.81
Long Term Liabilities	0
Total Liabilities	\$9,432.86

Jocelyn B. Mathes Fund	2000.00
Retained Earnings	-48,537.05
20 th Anniversary Fund	7,663.44
Unrestricted Net Assets F/A	96,531.74
Unrestricted Net Assets	142,739.12
Net Income	-8,722.60
Total Equity	\$191,674.65

Income Statement as of 8/31/09

Fees from programs	316,517.30
Contributions	4,268.25
Government Support	9,357.38
Membership Dues	250.00
Private Grants	6,662.63
Fund Raising	10,829.58
Investment Income	266.63
Total Income	348,151.77

Volunteers

Volunteers provide an immense value to the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. In addition to Board Members and those who served on committees, volunteers organized fundraisers, assembled kits to be used in programs, repaired artifacts, sorted supplies, stuffed envelopes, coordinated program kits, and other duties that help the Museum work towards its mission.

Over 100 individuals provided 1725 hours of volunteer time to the Museum in the past year. The Independent Sector has determined that the estimated dollar value of volunteer time is \$20.25 per hour for 2008. Using this figure, during the past year the **dollar value of donated volunteer time to the Museum is \$34,931.25**. Volunteers provided services which would have been purchased if they had not been donated.

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