

Annual Report

September 2010 - August 2011



Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum

The Traveling museum

October 2011

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. Over 64,000 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.



Message from the President and Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 2010-2011 annual report for the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. In an uncertain economic climate, the museum's level of programs and finances has remained stable. This year the Museum presented 2,476 programs, reaching 64,697 people in the Capital District. New programs introduced included "Fractions Fun," "Beaver Hats and Wooden Shoes: The Story of New Netherland" and "Listen to This." The Museum also launched a collaborative program with Historic Cherry Hill, "The Cherry Hill Case". Historic Cherry Hill developed the program and provides the artifacts, and a Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum teacher traveled to 30 classrooms to facilitate children investigating who lived at Cherry Hill in the mid 1800's.

Because of the museum's unique approach to programming, significant financial support was received from *The Wright Family Foundation, Target, Stewart's Shops, The Times Union Hope Fund, 1st National Bank of Scotia, Macy's, The Capital District Insurance Community, The Schenectady County Initiative Program, and Amica Insurance*. Schools and other educational settings recognize Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum as an attractive alternative to a more expensive traditional field trip.

2011 marks the 33rd anniversary of the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. Since 1978, the Museum has reached more than **1.6 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,

Raymond Polikowski

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 2010-2011 school year, 2,257 programs were presented to a total of **50,050** students. The most requested programs in the past school year were as follows:

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| 1. Measures for Measuring | 5. In Days Gone By | 9. Life on the Erie Canal |
| 2. Wonder of Simple Machines | 6. Beautiful Insects | 10. Furry Neighbors |
| 3. What's the Scoop | 7. The Moon Jar | 11. Oceans Alive |
| 4. Mirror Magic | 8. Honeybee Business | 12. From Pulp to Paper |

"The students remember quite a bit because of the hands-on nature of the programs."

"A fabulous presentation that tied into our curriculum perfectly!"

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, summer 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, 185 programs were presented to **10,225** youth participants.

"We wrote about your visit and I was impressed with the information remembered by the students."

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. Sixteen programs were presented to **396** senior citizens this past program year.

"It was wonderful to have a hand-on activity related to the content of the program."

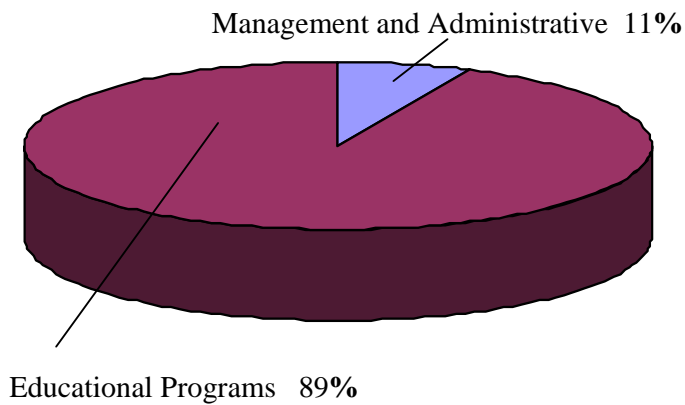
Traveling Museum Visits by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Albany	640	16,891
Columbia	3	298
Fulton	69	1,640
Greene	5	269
Herkimer	2	40
Montgomery	63	1,450
Rensselaer	269	6,202
Saratoga	883	20,872
Schenectady	440	13,084
Schoharie	5	275
Warren	46	1,841
Washington	<u>7</u>	<u>142</u>
Total	2,476	64,697

"Very informative - good mixture of visual presentation and hands-on activities."

Financial Report 2010–2011

Spending 2010-2011



Balance Sheet as of 8/31/11

Current Assets	99,163
Fixed Assets	78,989
Investments	30,718
Total Assets	\$208,870
Accounts Payable	3,675
Current Liabilities	8,264
Long Term Liabilities	0
Total Liabilities	\$8,264
Jocelyn B. Mathes Fund	2,000
Designated for Property & Equip.	-15,277
Retained Earnings	-49,303
Unrestricted Net Assets F/A	96,531
Unrestricted Net Assets	156,198
Net Income	10,459
Total Equity	\$200,607

*The hands-on aspect
of the museum
program makes
it invaluable.”*

Income Statement as of 8/31/11

Fees from programs	303,966
Contributions	11,643
Government Support	5,581
Membership Dues	120
Private Grants	13,561
Fund Raising	9,591
Investment Income	733
Total Income	\$345,195

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 1785 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 \$21.36 per hour for 2010. Using this figure, during the past year the **dollar value of donated volunteer time to the Museum is \$38,127.** Volunteers provided services which would have been purchased if they had not been donated.

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