

DISCOVER

Welcome... This issue features new people, new ideas and new activities that are bringing the Westchester Children's Museum closer to opening its doors...

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Museum News

We welcome William Haley of Harrison and Maura Mandell of Greenwich to our Board of Directors. Bill has an extensive background in international capital markets, having worked at major US and European financial institutions, and brings a deep understanding of finance and accounting issues to the board. Maura is the Founder and CEO of The Greenwich Agency. She is the Museum Gala Chair and a member of the Campaign Committee. Maura will spearhead the effort to raise awareness of the museum in Fairfield County. To learn more about Bill and Maura, visit www.discoverwcm.org.

Pat Caruso, Volunteer Coordinator, and Melanie Gluck, 2009 Explore-A-Thon Co-chair, represented WCM at Manhattanville College's 1st annual Volunteer/Job Fair in November. Students from Europe, Central and South American and the local area visited the WCM booth to learn about volunteer opportunities. Thanks goes out to **Craig Donnelly** and his staff at Manhattanville College who coordinated this event. For more info on volunteer opportunities, see the [Volunteer Center](#) below.

Campaign News



Consider a year-end gift to the Westchester Children's Museum. The WCM's Year-End Giving Campaign is in the mail. You can also donate online by clicking on "[Donate Now](#)" at right. Contact Development Director Jayne Restivo at 914.421.5050 for more information.

Shop online and donate to the WCM at the same time.

Log on to www.iGive.com and shop online at over 700 brand name stores. Enter Westchester Children's Museum as your cause and a portion of each purchase will be donated to the WCM!



Jake and Jordan Amorelli of Pelham are the cover kids for the Dec issue of Westchester Family Magazine! The Amorelli family won the Westchester Family/WCM raffle at Explore-A-Thon 2008. The photo was taken at Playland Boardwalk at the future site of the WCM by Phyllis Ferris Photography. Thank you to Cate Sanderson, Publisher, and Jean Sheff, Editor, of Westchester Family, and the Amorelli Family for your support.

Kids, instead of a present, ask party guests to donate to the Westchester Children's Museum! That's what 6-year-old **Andrea Curry Bernacchia** of Sleepy Hollow did -- and she raised over \$650. We've designed a lovely card you can send to your guests -- contact the WCM office at 914.421.5050 to learn more. Thank you, Andrea, for showing everyone what kids can do!

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When considering your year-end giving, please consider the Westchester Children's Museum. All donations are tax deductible. Click above on "Donate Now" to give online. Thank you for your support.

WCM Featured Events

3rd Annual "Beauty and the Feast" Luncheon

An event for moms benefiting their kids -- Profiling Spring beauty and runway trends

Thurs, Jan 29, 2009
11: 30am-clothes and cocktails

PLATES Restaurant
121 Myrtle Boulevard
Larchmont, New York

Stylist Kalyn Johnson shares the fashion trends you need to know!
Clothes by ETCETERA

\$50 per person
Wine, Hors d'oeuvres & Lunch



A children's fashion show introduced new friends to the WCM. The event, **hosted by Kamili Bell Hill, Fairzoa Brown, Carolyn Carr-Spencer and McMenamin's Grill and Chefworks**, was held at McMenamin's in New Rochelle on Dec 2 and featured fashions from Apples & Oranges Kids Clothes and Brycewear. At left, guests enjoyed a social and networking opportunity after the fashion show and WCM presentation. If you'd like to host an awareness event, please contact Carolyn Carr-Spencer, Community

Ambassadors Chair, at ccarspencer@mac.com.



2007 Gala Silent Auction winner Annie Cardelus Jones made dreams come true! Mats Wilander (center), winner of 7 Grand Slam singles titles, played tennis with (L to R) Delancey McFadden, Tucker Martino, Annie's son Dennis Jones and Trent Newman.

Museum Without Walls

Museum Without Walls events in November provided opportunities for learning by doing guided by WCM volunteers under the direction of Community Outreach coordinator Pat Caruso.

- Over 250 children visited the WCM table at **Yonkers Family Day at the Riverfront Library** on Nov 8 to make fall bracelets and necklaces. Thanks to volunteers from Good Counsel Academy: **Akuna Una, Kristine Nepomuceno, Mayra Petrovich and Danica Brown.**



- Pictured here, volunteer **Valerie Stanson (Good Counsel Academy)** helped children weave "Gods Eyes" with yarn and popsicle sticks at the **Tuckahoe Library's annual Native American Day** on Nov 15. Not pictured are volunteers **Zenay Thomas (Mt Vernon Middle School)** and **Anthony Tochet (Iona Prep).** **Library Director Debra Coppola** and her staff

provided a Thanksgiving tasting party and **Evan Pritchard of the Center for Algonquin Culture** told stories of our Native American History in Westchester County.

- WCM provided a sketch pad and pastels for children from 50 families attending the **Chappaqua Library's annual Museum Day** on Nov 22 to create their own museum and portrait to display in a museum. Thank you to **host Miriam Boudin** for the opportunity to participate alongside the Katonah Art Museum, John Jay Homestead, Greenburgh Nature Center and others.

Our website features learning by doing activities that you can share with your children at home. Just click on the link below and go to the **"At Home Activities"** page to start having fun -- www.discoverwcm.org.

Did You Know...?

Facts about Westchester's children and its museums

- In 2006, there were 949,355 children living in Westchester County -- 25% of the county's population.
- In 2006, there were 159,514 children between the ages of 0-9 living in Westchester.
- There are 13 museums in Westchester County registered with the American Association of Museums: 8 relate to local history and 5 relate to art.
- The Westchester Children's Museum will combine history, arts, environment and cultural diversity in a manner designed specifically to engage the county's children.

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Volunteer Center

Seasons Greetings to all our WCM Volunteers! We wish you and yours good health and happiness in the New Year.

Explore-A-Thon 2009 is scheduled for June 7. If you are interested in volunteering and/or helping to plan the event, please contact Julie Sayer jsayer23@yahoo.com or Melanie Gluck amgluck@verizon.net.

Join our **Corporate Sponsorship, Gala Journal, and Live and Silent Auction Committees.** For more information, or to participate, please call the WCM office at 914.421.5050.

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