

New kids' museum moves forward

Kathy Goers and the other people hoping to create a children's museum in Lake County have waited 10 long years for this announcement: Busy Brains Children's Museum has a building.

"Not a day has gone by where our board of directors have not invested some time in the museum," says Goers, the museum's co-founder.

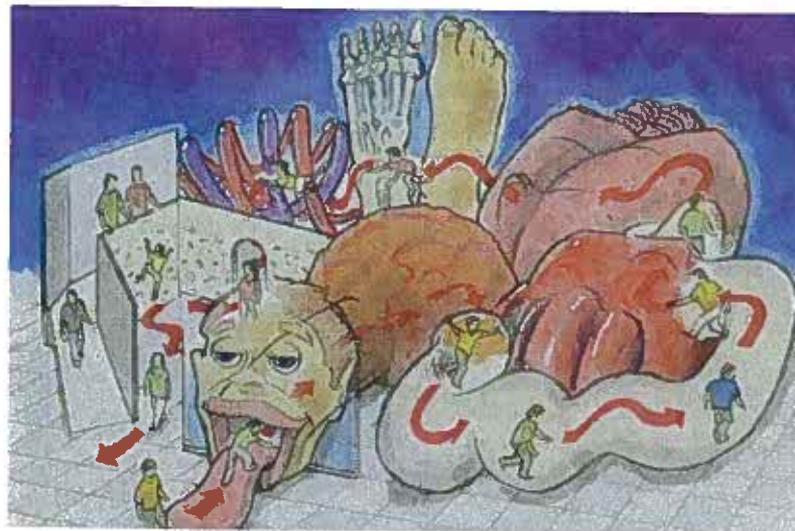
Goers says the 14,000-square-foot building in Lake Villa, a former car dealership, "needs a lot of love." Among the problems is a leaking roof.

The nonprofit behind Busy Brains, founded in 2003 by Goers and Executive Director Alison Price for kids 0-10, now has launched a

\$3.5 million capital campaign to rehab the building, fund the exhibits and provide a three-year operating reserve. The Constructing Curiosity Campaign is expected to take up to two years.

"The faster we raise those funds, the faster our doors will open," Goers says. The museum's website, busybrains.org, offers several ways people can help, including financial donations, material donations and sponsorship opportunities.

Busy Brains has offered traveling exhibits the past 10 years, some of which Goers says will be incorporated into



the museum.

Among Goers' favorite exhibits planned in the museum will be The Body Journey, which gives kids the chance to walk through the body,

including a beating heart. She also likes the Farmers Market, a twist on the typical grocery store exhibit found at other children's museum but more reflective of Lake County.

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