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YOUR MIND AT PLAY

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AS 2008 DRAWS TO A CLOSE...

LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BUSY BRAINS:

With the holiday season upon us, the Board of Directors of Busy Brains Children's Museum is very thankful to all of our volunteers and local businesses that continue to help us work toward our goal of opening a permanent location in 2009. We are very seriously investigating two potential sites and hope to have an agreement signed in the near future. To coincide with those efforts, our fundraising initiatives will proceed to the next level, as will our efforts to recruit new volunteers. The feedback from local residents

has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope to begin the New Year with a site agreement and opening date. Along with our ongoing efforts to find a permanent home, our committees and subcommittees are working hard to fulfill their goals and objectives and they are always looking for dedicated individuals who would like to assist us as we work toward opening. We have made great strides and significant progress since our inception five years ago and are closer than ever to realizing the dream of

opening Lake County's only children's museum. The community support is there, the families with young children see the need, and the business community and media are showing more interest all the time. There is a tremendous opportunity here to not just open a museum, but to establish a fun, educational, family-oriented destination that families will use for many years to come. It should be our time in 2009 and we invite you to get on board.

Thank you.

HELP BUSY BRAINS CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL FOOD DRIVE... DETAILS ON PAGE 4!

THE GIFT OF TIME IS PRICELESS...

We are thankful for the many volunteers who have passionately donated hours of their time. With the various strengths of individuals, Busy Brains Children's Museum strives to be a powerful destination for families and

schools. Interested in giving your time to strengthen our children, families and schools- all at once? It's easy! Visit <http://busybrains.org/volunteer/> and read the committee descriptions. Fill

out the volunteer survey and a board member will be in touch with you. Not sure where you would fit in best? Call Kathy Goers at: 224-381-1239 and she will gladly discuss the best options.

A WORD FROM... OUR FUTURE EXHIBIT, GREEN GROCER



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Green Grocer

Be a part of the Exhibit Sub-Committee and help to develop future exhibits that will be housed in the Busy Brains Children's Museum's permanent facility. For more information, please contact kathygoers@busybrains.org

Hi Families! I have been excited to listen to the exhibit committee as they discuss the important features that I will have. Everyone will have fun harvesting a crop, loading a truck and selling healthy vegetables and fruits.

Lake County is known for all the wonderful farmer's markets. I will be recognized as a market where children

can role play and learn at the same time. Discovering how the foods we eat get from farm to table is one of the many things that families will learn.

Want to help with the details of me and other exhibits? Become a part of the exhibit committee.

Hope to see you soon!
Green Grocer

SOME OF OUR TRAVELING EXHIBITS: GEARIOISITY • MYSTERY OF FLIGHT • GOOD VIBRATIONS
ZZRRRMMM! • CONSTRUCT! • RUB A DUB! • PRESSURES! • EXCAVATION! • SPIN 'N SPY

SHARING THE SPIRIT

During this time of year, our thoughts turn to giving thanks and celebrating the spirit of the season. At Busy Brains Children's Museum, we are truly thankful for everyone that has shared the spirit with us throughout 2008. Whether you visited with us at an event, hosted our exhibits for a birthday party, joined our organization as a volunteer, or donated financially, we are truly thankful.

As the year draws to a close, we hope you would consider making a donation to Busy Brains. As a charitable organization, we rely on personal

donations to meet our mission. Your support is more critical than ever, as Busy Brains will soon be fabricating exhibits and renovating a building in order to prepare for our grand opening. All donations are tax deductible, and no donation is too small!! Donate online at www.busybrains.org or mail to PO Box 691, Lake Villa, IL 60046.

Remember, as you donate, that many Lake County businesses have employee giving programs, and some even match your donation dollar for dollar. We would be glad to help you with the documentation needed, and in doing

so, help you double your donation! E-mail Alison Price at alisonprice@busybrains.org with any questions or requests for information.

Finally, if your small business or employer is interested in sponsorship opportunities with our museum, please contact us at alisonprice@busybrains.org. As we finalize the exhibit galleries, we are beginning to look for local corporate and business support. We would love to share the sponsorship levels and benefits with you or your employer.

SOMETHING NEW & DIFFERENT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As the holidays approach, party planning is in full swing. Want to have something unique, educational, and fun for children at your holiday get-together?

Add Busy Brains to your party! Busy Brains Traveling Exhibits can be rented for use at home, school, or office. In addition, Busy Brains helps take the

hassle out of your planning by setting up and dismantling the exhibits. What better way to entertain the young crowd at your celebration!

Busy Brains also explains the use of each exhibit so that recipients are aware of the educational components of every exhibit. Also, the rental includes a favor

for each child.

How exciting would it be to have a pre-taste of Lake County's first children's museum at your holiday party! To book your rental, call Busy Brains at 224-381-1239.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17, 18, 19

Jewel Shop N Share
<http://www.busybrains.org/donations/jewel.htm>

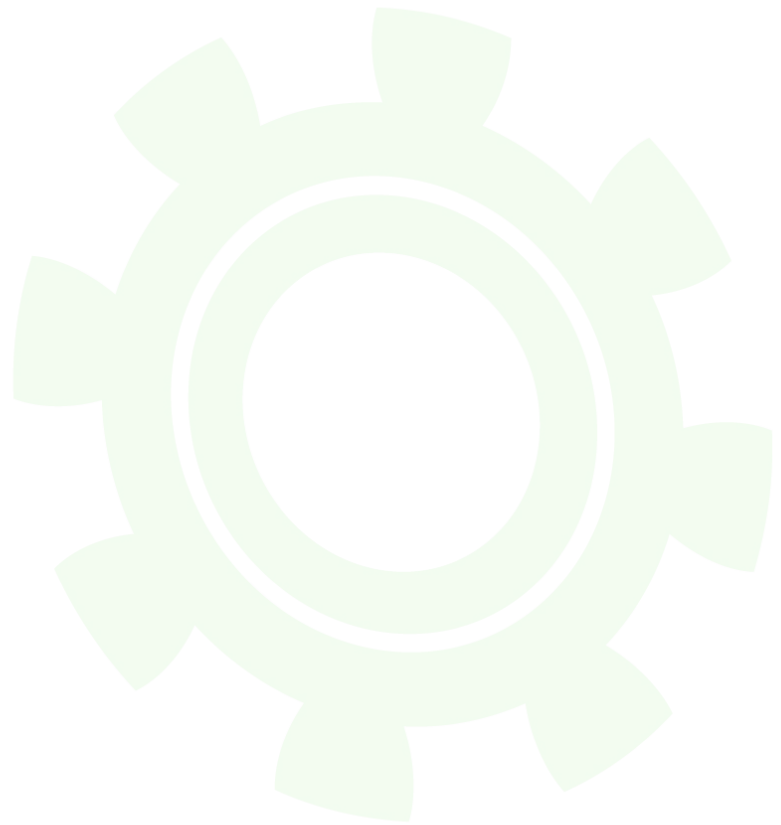
November 22

Lake County Moms Craft Show
Calvary Harvest Church - Gurnee, 9 AM-4 PM

November 22 (12-6), 23 (12-5)

December 14th (12-6)

"Can you BOOK a little of our time for Busy Brains Children's Museum?" Busy Brains Children's Museum is excited to be partnering up with the Vernon Hills Barnes & Noble. Our volunteers will be wrapping books for donations. We are looking for volunteers (feel free to grab a friend to join you!) who enjoy wrapping presents. Please contact: Kathy Goers at (224)381-1239 to schedule a time to help your community.



HELP BUSY BRAINS CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL FOOD DRIVE...

We are pleased to be working with Grayslake North High School and their dedicated students to help generate food donations for local families this holiday season. The students are working very hard to achieve their goal of 40,000 pounds of food and Busy Brains encourages our supporters to aid this effort. Visit our web site at www.busybrains.org for additional information.

To make a donation to the museum go to our website at: www.busybrains.org

Is your family or business interested in sponsoring a permanent exhibit or room in the future museum?

Please contact Kathy Goers at: 224.381.1239 for details.