



# BRAINWAVES

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## YOUR MIND AT PLAY

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## BUSY BRAINS MUSEUM UPDATE

Busy Brains began 2009 with a number of big goals:

1. Enter into a site agreement
2. Raise money to build exhibits, and
3. Open the museum.

As we near the end of winter, we are well on our way to accomplishing these three goals. Here is a quick overview of our latest progress.

Busy Brains representatives are currently negotiating with a municipality to lease a fantastic space in their downtown! Currently our lawyers are working to draft a Letter of Intent. Once that is completed and approved by both parties, we will move

into lease negotiations, and then into the building!! The Board of Directors is very pleased with the initial offer we have received, and is certain that we will be able to announce the details soon.

With the help of a wonderful development professional, Busy Brains has completed many capital campaign tasks. Our campaign documents are completed. Appropriate sponsorship and giving levels have been determined, along with the benefits for each. The Board of Directors has begun to identify and research corporations that will be solicited for sponsorships and donations. We can't wait to start sharing our mission with the corporations and

businesses in the county!

Whether it was the President's call to service or the announcements on the local radio, we have been overwhelmed by the number of volunteers joining our organization. Thank you for joining our endeavor!

Finally, we would like to share thanks and best wishes to Bill and Petra Michaud. They have each served over three years on our Board of Directors, given countless construction hours on our traveling exhibits, and have become good friends. We will miss them, and wish them the best of luck in South Carolina.

## BE A VITAL PART OF SOMETHING...THAT IS BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!

"I was excited when talking with a friend who had just recently joined the Fundraising Events committee- he was so inspired to be contributing to something bigger than himself, especially in these harder times," Brent Roberts, Board President shared at a recent board meeting.

Busy Brains Children's Museum offers a variety of opportunities for all people to

volunteer.

Four Committees meet on a monthly basis throughout Lake County ( grants, fundraising events, exhibits, marketing)

Opportunities to help physically set-up/take down traveling exhibits are offered on an as-needed basis

Volunteers can help in the comfort of their own homes (researching on the computer/

making phone calls.)

I encourage individuals or groups who have an interest in being a part of the development of Busy Brains Children's Museum to contact me at [kathygoers@busybrains.org](mailto:kathygoers@busybrains.org) or (224)381-1239. Looking at your schedule and interests, we will find the best match. Be an integral part of something that is bigger than yourself!

## A WORD FROM... OUR FUTURE EXHIBIT,



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### The Body Journey

Be a part of the Exhibit 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](mailto:kathygoers@busybrains.org)

I'm tickled down to my bones. The Exhibit Committee has started making plans for me- The Body Journey Exhibit!

You'll be able to travel through parts of the human body- the tongue, heart, lungs and even veins. During the insider's view- you'll learn cause and effect in a fun and interactive way.

The importance of healthy eating and exercise are sure to be a part of the museum's programming.

There are so many great exhibits planned for the museum. I am excited to be joining the others to help teach children about so many different things.

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

## BUSY BRAINS IS ON FACEBOOK!

Are you one of the 150 million people that use Facebook? Do any organizations that you belong to use that social networking site? If so, Busy Brains Children's Museum is glad to join you in that effort and invites you to help us spread the word. It's actually quite easy. You could do any of the following:

- Use your status update to indicate that you support Busy Brains Children's Museum and encourage your friends to

visit [www.busybrains.org](http://www.busybrains.org) to learn about us.

If you're one of our volunteers, use your status update to mention your attendance at a meeting or event.

Add Busy Brains to your Causes, recruit others to the Cause, and/or make a donation...and invite your friends to do the same.

View our Announcements and pass

along the information to your Facebook friends, or any other friends, relatives or professional colleagues.

As we get closer to our goal of opening Lake County's only children's museum, enhancing awareness and increasing support through Facebook will be vitally important, and we appreciate your assistance in this regard.

## THE FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMMITTEE IS GEARED UP FOR ITS UPCOMING EVENTS!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Gear Drive" will run through the month of April. Local businesses have made it easy to help support Busy Brains Children's Museum. Patrons will have an opportunity to purchase a paper gear for a minimum \$1 donation. Sign your name and hang it on the wall to show that you've helped to build Lake County first children's museum for ages 0-10years. If you have a local business and are willing to raise awareness by selling/displaying gears, please contact Jamie DeYoung at [jdeyoung13@yahoo.com](mailto:jdeyoung13@yahoo.com). Participating businesses will be listed on the

museum web site. Be sure to visit one of these fine establishments to purchase a gear.

The Fundraising Events Committee is also excited to announce a partnership with high schools throughout the county. Every high school was invited to participate in the "Loose Change for Busy Brains." Groups within each school were challenged to think of creative ways to raise change for the museum during April 20-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Want to help your local high school win "bragging rights?" Check the museum website to

see if they are participating and then contact them to see how you can donate. Winners will be announced in May.

Interested in helping to create upcoming fundraising events? The Fundraising Events Committee meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 8:00pm at Grayslake Bill's Pub. Contact co-chairs, Shelley Majewski [kallijake@hotmail.com](mailto:kallijake@hotmail.com) and Jamie DeYoung [jdeyoung13@yahoo.com](mailto:jdeyoung13@yahoo.com) for more information.

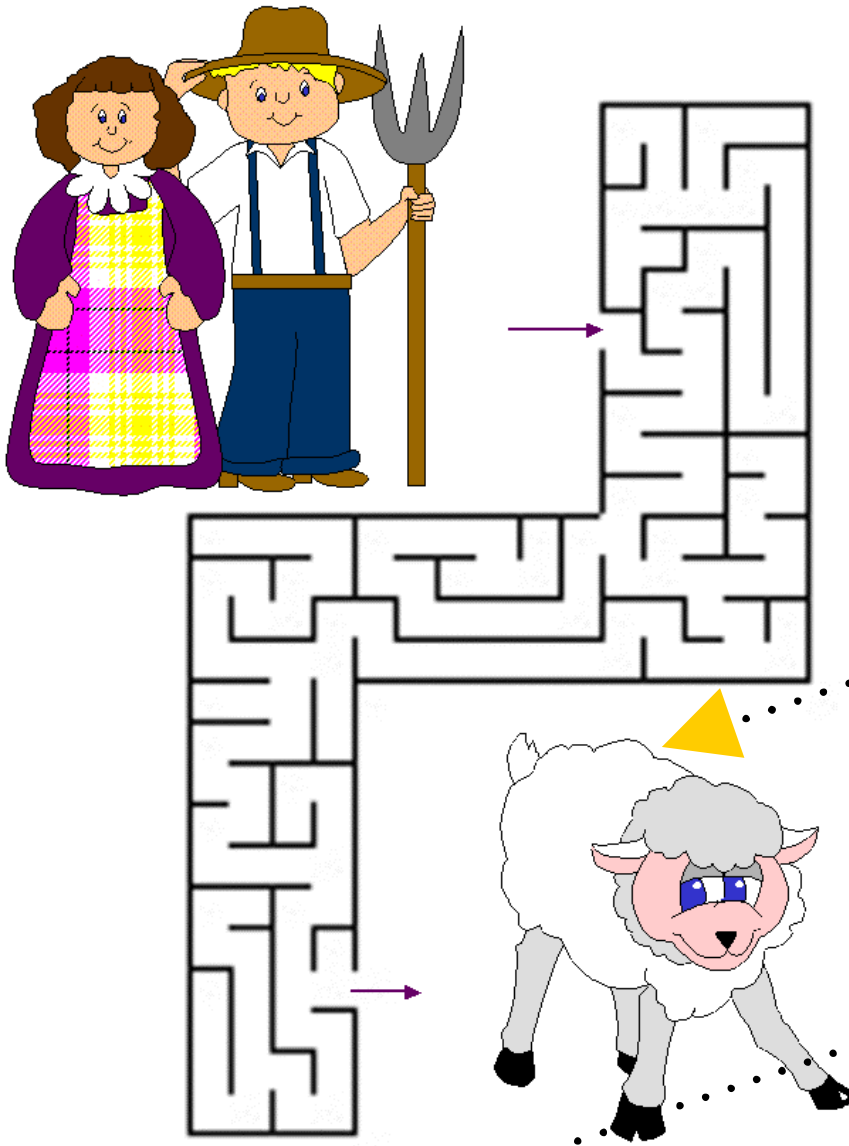


# KID'S PAGE

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## Springtime Maze

Help the farmers find their little lamb.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesdays in March

Eat dinner at Mickey Finns', and they will give 15% to Busy Brains! Use the flyer to let them know:  
[www.busybrains.org/mffundraiser.pdf](http://www.busybrains.org/mffundraiser.pdf)

### April 20th-May 1st

Lake County High Schools participate in "Loose Change for Busy Brains" challenge

### April 25

XLC Scout Day, Waukegan

### April 26th

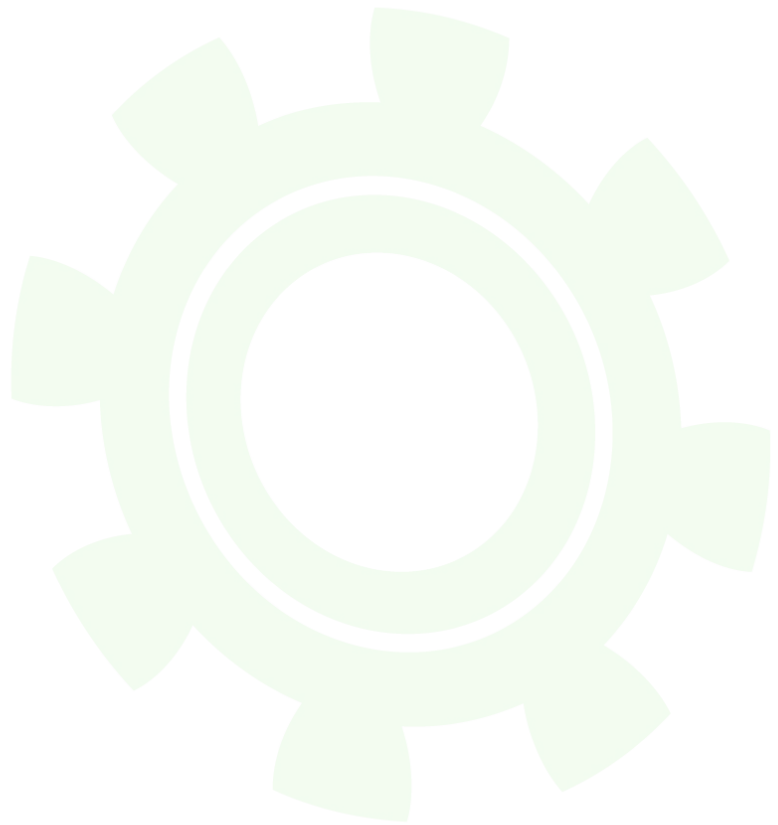
Waukegan Public Library - "El Dia" 1:00-3:00pm

### May 21st

Emmanuel Church MOPS group  
8:00am-12:00pm

### June 17th

Grayslake Farmer's Market  
4:00-7:00pm



## GEAR DRIVE

Visit local establishments throughout the month of April to purchase a paper gear and support Busy Brains Children's Museum.

