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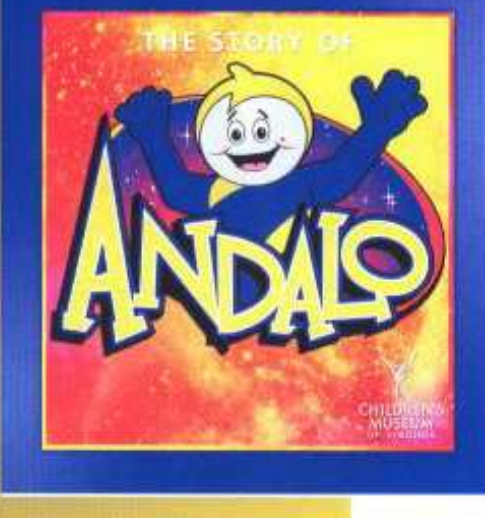
The Children's Museum of Virginia encourages imagination, questioning and a lifelong love of learning providing fun and dynamic interactive educational exhibits, activities and programs.

PORTSMOUTH MUSEUMS FOUNDATION

FALL 2008

ONE LOOK AT ANDALO TELLS THE TALE. SEE THE BLUE? THAT'S THE SEA. THE YELLOW CAP? THAT'S THE NORTH STAR. THE YELLOW STRIPES? THAT'S LIGHTENING HOT, ELECTRIC AND BEAUTIFUL.

IDEAS STRIKE, JUST LIKE LIGHTENING, AND WHEN A CHILD HAS AN IDEA, ANDALO IS THERE. THERE IS NO GIFT LIKE THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE, AND ANDALO ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO BE CURIOUS, CREATIVE AND CONNECTED TO THE WONDER OF THE WORLD AROUND THEM AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA.



ANDALO "COMES TO LIFE"

The Children's Museum of Virginia is proud to announce a new member of the family! Disney has Mickey & Minnie, the children of Hampton Roads who lives in the City of Portsmouth at the Children's Museum, where new ideas are born every day. The focus is to brand Andalo so that he serves as an immediate symbol or identifiable character for the Children's Museum. Andalo will ride the Portsmouth float representing the Children's Museum in the "Holidays in the City" illumination parade in Norfolk as well as attend upcoming social occasions, special events, and city functions.

As preparation begins for the NEW Children's Museum, Andalo will promote top-of-mind awareness for the Children's Museum of Virginia. You will see pictures of Andalo as conductor of a train as we promote him as part of the "All Aboard for the Future" capital and membership campaigns. Andalo is adorable, loving, friendly and FUN and a great mascot for Portsmouth and the Children's Museum of Virginia.

For Online donations to Children's Museum of Virginia go to: www.childrensmuseumva.com

click on "Help support the Children's Museum of Virginia" click on "give online" and follow instructions



THE PORTSMOUTH MUSEUMS FOUNDATION GALA 2008

Philanthropy Alive & Well

The Portsmouth Museums Foundation has enjoyed loyal and enthusiastic attendance of our annual gala over the last seven years. Unfortunately, Hurricane Hanna interfered with our plans this year and the City Manager notified the Foundation at 3:00 pm on September 5th that he could not authorize use of the Children's Museum for the event on September 6th. With much regret, the staff and volunteers notified each of the guests of the cancellation of the "tux and tennies" event. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, but had no alternative since the building is owned by the City of Portsmouth.

The guests were given the opportunity to donate the full amount of the ticket, receive a designated portion of the amount or elect to have full refund of the cost of the ticket. Approximately 63% donated the full amount, 23% a portion of the amount and 14% requested a full refund. The donations helped defray the unrecoverable costs of the event.

The programs were mailed to each guest and many thanks go to our patrons and sponsors. The Portsmouth Museums Foundation takes great pride in our mission to provide exhibit funding for the Portsmouth Museums and, in particular, the NEW Children's Museum of Virginia. Much progress has been made with our fundraising and expansion of the Children's Museum will begin in September 2009. It was with much regret, according to President Phil Rudisill, that we were unable to host the "best party in Portsmouth" this year. However, rest assured that we will be back...better than ever!

To update our contributors...

The train is moving down the track toward our capital campaign goal of \$4M for the expansion and renovation of the Children's Museum beginning in September of 2009. Capital campaign contributions received as of Nov. 11, 2008 are \$3,311,965.02!

"Decorate a Tile"

Want to help us decorate the NEW Children's Museum of Virginia "Birthday Rooms"? Tiles are available for "artists" of all ages. This on-going workshop is held at the Children's Museum of Virginia. Each participant will create a 6"x6" drawing with materials provided. The creation will be digitized into a tile which will be permanently displayed on the wall in each of our birthday rooms, located near the NEW front lobby.

What a great way to get your children, grandchildren or friends involved! The cost of each tile is \$50 for non-museum members and \$40 for members. Gift certificates are available at the Children's Museum or the Portsmouth Museums Foundation office. For more info, phone 757-393-8983, ext. 25.



"ANDALO ANNOUNCES"

Portsmouth General Hospital Foundation recently awarded a \$70,000 grant for the "BodyWorks" exhibit for the NEW Children's Museum of Virginia. Exhibit components are as follows: "A Pediatrician's Visit, Bones:Skeleton Interactive, X-Ray, Yuck and What's Inside?" This exhibit engages children through role playing, hands-on activities and independent exploration, and as a result youngsters will have less fear of visiting the doctor and understand the importance of personal hygiene.

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation of Richmond approved a \$100,000 "one-for-one" challenge grant on November 6th for the Dr. Forces' Traveling Energy Extravaganza exhibit. The Parsons Foundation joins the Cabell Foundation of Richmond in challenging the Hampton Roads community with contributions. Please keep these challenge gifts in mind as you consider your end of the year gift giving.



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The \$20.00 limited edition porcelain snowflake ornament will hang on the "Wonderland Tree" in the lobby of the 1846 Courthouse during the 2008 holiday season. These personalized ornaments will honor or memorialize individuals or celebrate a special occasion and may be picked up from the Portsmouth Museums Foundation office to add to your personal collection after the holidays. The proceeds from the ornaments fund the refurbishment of Winter Wonderland: Coleman Collection. Please call 393-8983 (ext 13) for information or purchase.



Be sure to visit the Children's Christmas Shoppe on Saturday, December 13th from 10am to 4pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 500 Court Street. A portion of the proceeds have been contributed to the Children's Museum of Virginia each year.