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Leader/'lēdər/ noun:

One who leads or guides

Ability to inspire others to follow



Chicago

Baltimore

Boston



Lancaster, Pa  
Bettendorf Iowa



Easton, Ma  
Norwalk, Ct  
Cherry Hill, NJ



Bucks County



Children's Museum

...helping the future grow

Fall 2005



Fall 2006



# Bucks County Children's Museum

## Phases of Development

### Phase I Objectives - *to be achieved by November 1, 2006*

- Incorporate
- Secure 3 members on Founding Board
- Develop By Laws
- Apply for 501(c)3 Status
- Develop Case Statement
- Establish base of support to provide funds, advice, expertise & time

### Phase II Objectives - *to be achieved by end of fiscal year (June 2007)*

- Conduct first official Board Meeting
- Develop initial exhibit ideas
- Address local community organizations and businesses
- Consider the development and implementation of a traveling exhibit
- Begin planning for first special fundraising event

### Phase III Objectives - *to be achieved by end of fiscal year (June 2008)*

- Begin interviewing design teams
- Research possible facility sites
- Expand board member base
- Consider the creation of a traveling exhibit
- Conduct first special fundraising event

### Phase IV.

Establish facility



**Imagination takes flight at children's museum kick off**

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Rogaine Young

More than 70,000 children under the age of 8 will find County home.

"Let us let them be children," said Dr. Vincent Mancini, national pediatrician who was at the Free Clinic at the Fairgrounds. "Let's let Dr. Imagination." Let's let play and use their imaginations."

Dorothy Green, assistant grant director at U.S. Department of Education, also spoke, praising schools and parents.

The bright Department lights of Clark County Treasurer may have been reflecting off the sidewalk, but across the street inside Mother's Place, the talk of the night was another woman that is expected to double the eyes of Clark County's youngest mothers.

With hopes to join the ranks of the County Theater and establish the county's cultural and entertainment scene, Bucks County Community College's African American student body members are a 2009 kick-off event on Jan. 29 at the restaurant, which is being transformed into the Wine and Fig Room.

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Though created with students 8 and under in mind, the program will be an ideal pairing for all ages, said President Kravtchenko, who came with the idea for a chess museum.

"I want kids to see their teachers in a greater respect for they live it, and the parents as well," Kravtchenko said. "I was a chess player and former classroom teacher."

Additional board

Additional studies



being added. More than 20,000 children under the age of 8 will have County-based.

"Let us let them be children," said Dr. Vincent Minerva, a national politician who was at the First Clark County Derby.

"Let's let them play and use their imagination," said Barbara Green, assistant director at Clark County's community development center, pointing to video monitors showing children's behavior in youth centers.

"We're not going to monitor all that is in a child's mind," said Minerva. "We're only a lot of things."

"We need more youth facilities to use."

Around 300 children were also monitored at the county's youth center.

## Children's Museum introduced to business community

The Bucks County Children's Museum is a new project that is gaining momentum.

The folding organization held a reception at the The Inn at Blueberry Hill in Dyersburg last week and invited elected officials and business leaders to learn about its plans. The event was sponsored by the

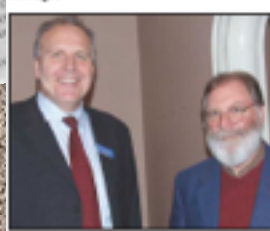
Read more about the Bucks County Children's Museum on page 15.



*La Buvette Caroline Andrieu, Rouen, Buvette.*



From the Carroll Park School District, Andrew Fain, Greg Rife, George Meider, David Wilson



Harry Branch with George Donnan, architect and member of the General Builders Chamber of Commerce board.



Ann Leung and Derek Abate, owners of Hui on Flag Tree, provided refreshments for the reception.



*Left: Whitney from Greville Development; Cliford Minsger from South Hills Manufacturer, president of the Children's Museum Board.*



*Paul Knemmacker, Dr. Bruce Hamhart, Barbara Hamhart, Exploration Township supervisor.*

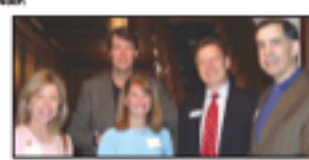


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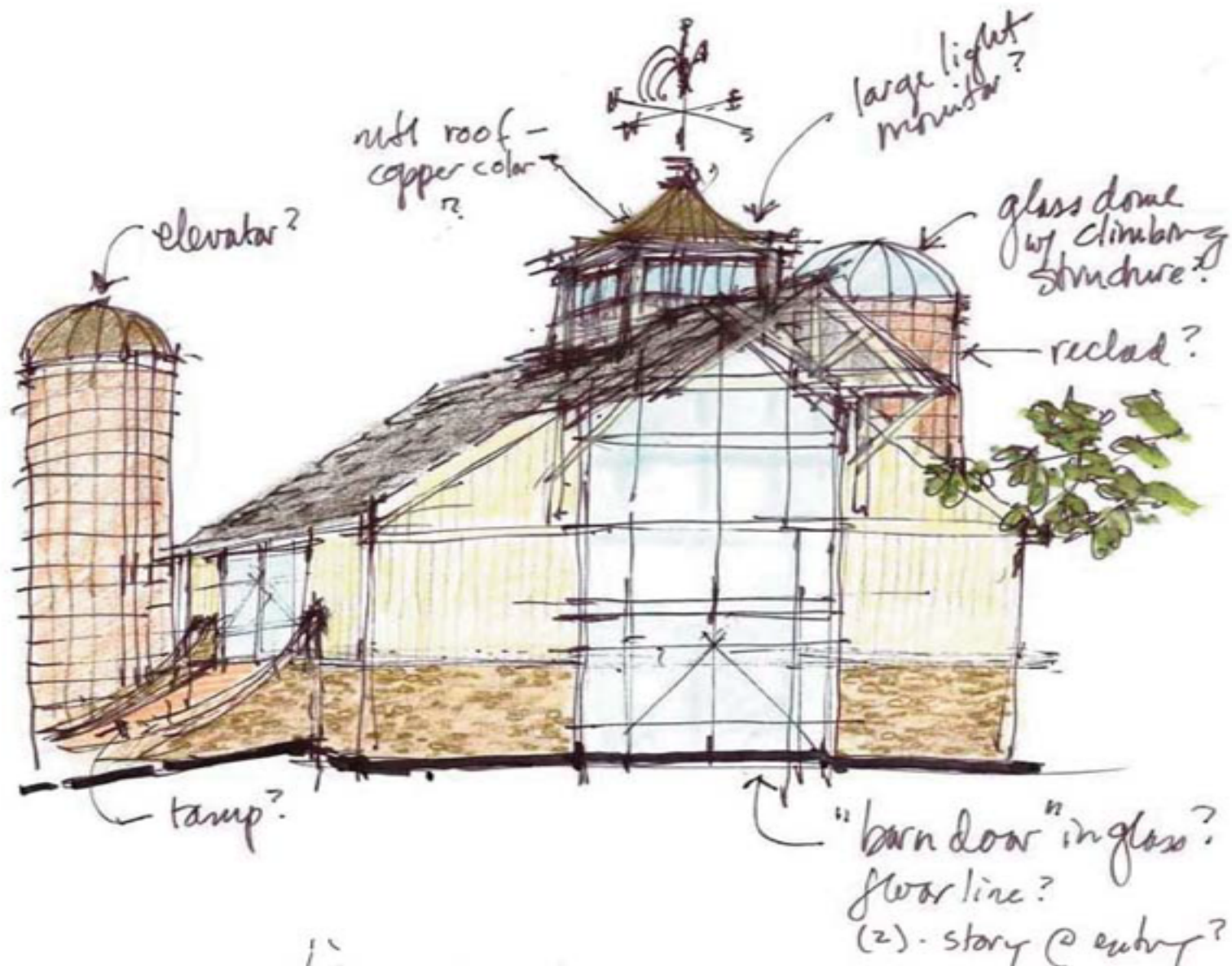
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Adrian Chatterbox, Kim Hagendorf, Kerry Brown



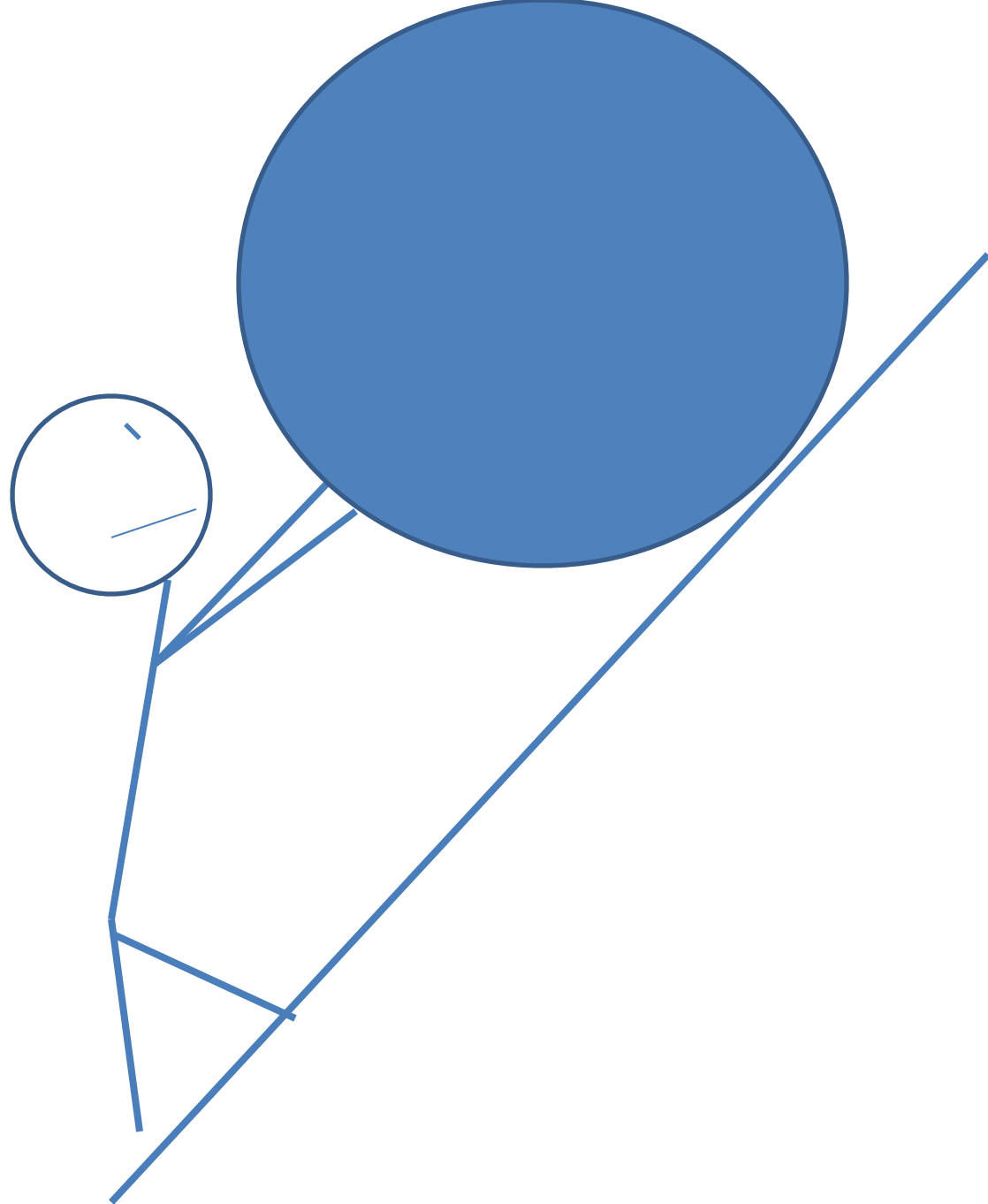
Dr. George Kiffin, Karin Russell, Eric Skjerve, Dr. Russell and Jane Noren.



















### ***Fiscal Impact***

- Children's museums are sought after local and travel destinations which make a definite impact on local tourism economies.
- More than 30 million individuals annually visit children's museums
- The Association of Children's Museums reports that data collected from 40,000 children museum attendees reveal an average spending of ***\$22.87 per person***, not including the price of admission.
- This spending generates an estimated \$80 billion of valuable revenue annually for local merchants and their communities.

| MUSEUM                                              | SIZE/EXHIBIT SPACE<br>(SQ. FEET) | AVG ANNUAL<br>ATTENDANCE |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Hands On House –<br>Lancaster, Pa                   | 7,300/5,000                      | 55,866                   |
| Easton Children's Museum –<br>Easton, Massachusetts | 6,700/3,900                      | 36,900                   |
| Southeastern Ct Children's Museum –<br>Niantic, Ct  | 5,200/3,000                      | 46,200                   |

























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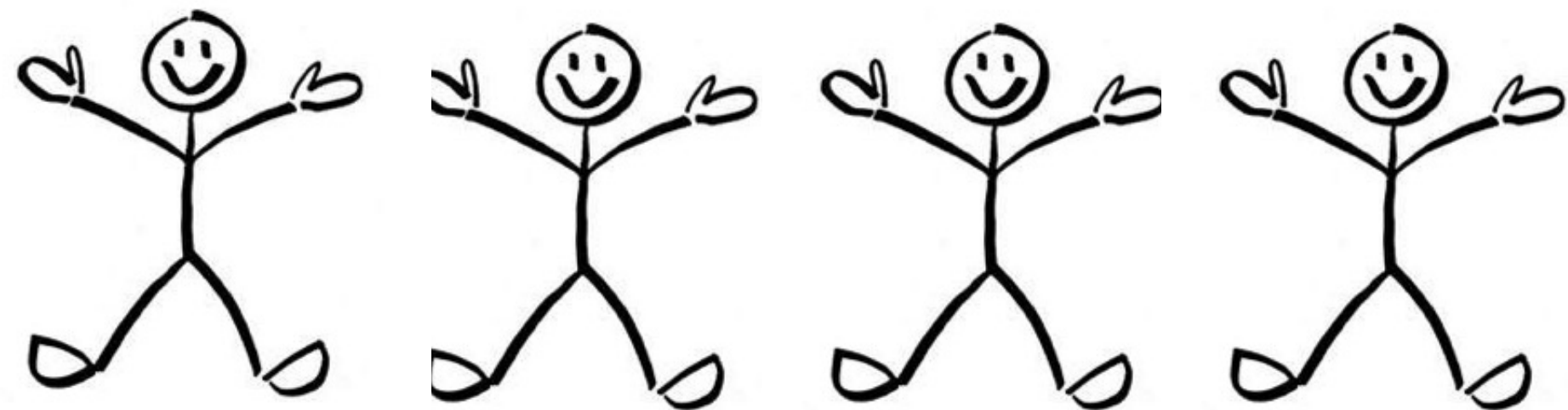
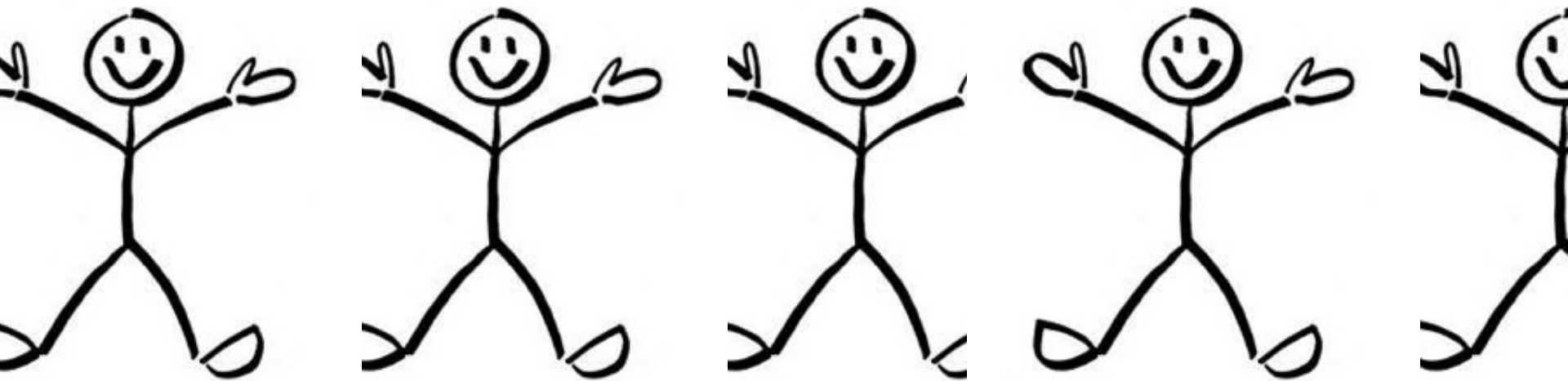
## *So Far...*

- ✓ 3000 Memberships
- ✓ 1000 Birthday Parties
- ✓ 7000 Kids on Field Trips/Group Visits
- ✓ 100,000+ Visitors
- ✓ Named “One of the Top 10 Reasons to Visit Bucks County” by Phillyburbs

## *What's next...*

Expansion of current exhibits  
Curriculum Guides  
Expanded Programming





## Insights on Exhibit Design

- Use 90% child 10% toy (hardware) formula
- Children learn best using mind AND body. Movement provides higher level cognition. Avoid passive experiences
- Broken Buttons☹
- Universal Design
- Identify goals and outcomes
- Light text with visual cues
- Parent engagement/participation
- Prototype when possible
- Easy repair
- Safe materials

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