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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear WOW! Friends,  
We are thrilled to share with you several new and continued community partners who will help us grow in 2009: the *Xcel Energy Foundation*, supporting our Arts and Cultural events and exhibits; the *Community Foundation serving Boulder County*, supporting our Scholarship Fund; *Precision Plumbing*, as their December non-profit selection; the *Namaste Foundation*, supporting 4 girl scout troop programs; *One Lafayette*, supporting our Lafayette Scholarship Fund; *GEOSURV & Grabowski Family*, and the *Reeves Family*. We also want to

thank the many individuals who have supported us this past year both monetarily and with volunteer time. A very special thank you to Bill Cameron, Kevin Tolley, Kohl's, Amgen and Starbucks for your very valuable volunteer efforts! WOW! is a fun and enriching place for the children of Colorado because of your support!  
**Coming Soon!** WOW! is in the process of collaborating with the CU Mechanical Engineering Department to build a new Water Works exhibit, and hope to have it in on our Science Room by late May. We are also transforming our Grocery

Store exhibit into a new Sunflower Farmer's Market this year! In the meantime, don't miss Brain Teasers 2, an interactive exhibit for ALL ages that will challenge your math, logic and creative skills.  
And finally, congratulations to Heather Roberts of our staff! She and her husband Dylan are keeping busy with new baby Mikayla, born January 12, 2009!  
Best wishes for a wonderful 2009,  
Lisa Atallah,  
Executive Director

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## SAVE THE DATE! WILD OL' WEST FUNDRAISER!



Howdy Partners! Dust off your cowboy boots and your ten gallon hat and join us on **Saturday, May 2, 2009** at the Vista Ridge Golf Club in Erie for **Wild Ol' West**, our 4th Annual Auction & Casino Night Fundraiser! Come enjoy cocktails, buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, gaming

tables and more! Tickets are: \$75 per person and can be purchased online at: [www.wowmuseum.com](http://www.wowmuseum.com) or by calling the Museum at: (303) 604-2424. Proceeds benefit our 2009 WOW! Scholarship Fund and 2009 Education Exhibits and Programs!

## BRAIN TEASERS 2 EXHIBIT NOW OPEN!

This exhibit, produced and toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), offers 20 challenges for puzzle enthusiasts of all ages. The exhibit is designed to sharpen problem-solving skills and provide plenty of fun. Brain twisters include unraveling mathematical conundrums, separating linked objects and then reassembling them, arranging geometric shapes to form new ones, and much more. To solve these puzzles, visitors must use creative thinking and problem solving strategies such as looking for patterns, thinking ahead, setting aside preconceived ideas, and looking at problems from different perspectives. This brightly colored exhibit appeals to

visitors of all ages and encourages parent-child interaction as families team up to solve the brain teasers. Visitors have been known to come back and try again if they don't solve all the puzzles on their first visit! *Brain Teasers 2* is on display at WOW! through May 3, 2009!



### Wish List

Donate your extra items to WOW!

- Copy machine (with color capability)
- Scanner
- Digital camera
- Paper cutter
- Filing cabinets
- Adobe Illustrator software
- Sturdy floor mat for pirate ship
- Storage bins, totes and tubs
- Play sand
- Ballet & Tap shoes
- Art paper
- Pirate books
- Dixie cups (5 oz.)
- Non-toxic, washable paint
- MP3 player with AC adapter

\*In-kind donations are tax deductible! New or gently used items only please! Thanks for your support!

## DROP-IN SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS!

Come explore, investigate and discover your inner scientist in our monthly drop-in science explorations! These informal sessions are designed to help parents and children practice being scientists together. Drop-in science explorations are included with your Museum admission!



### Drop-in Science Schedule

February 16th, 17th & 18th  
March 17th & 18th  
April 21st & 22nd  
May 19th & 20th

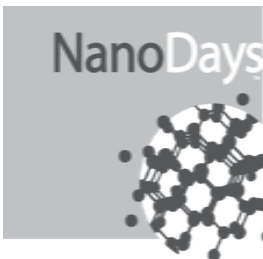
\* Drop-in Science Sessions take place from 10am-12pm and again from 2pm-4pm on each scheduled day.

## MCTEGGART IRISH DANCERS AT WOW!

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the McTeggart Irish Dancers will be performing at the Museum on **Saturday, March 14th** beginning at 11:00am! Continuing a tradition of dance excellence since 1953, the McTeggart Irish Dancers are Colorado's premier school of Irish dance!



## NANODAYS AT WOW! MARCH 28th-APRIL 5th!



NanoDays is the NISE Network's annual celebration of nanoscale science, technology and engineering through the support of the National Science Foundation. For one week each spring, community-based educational organizations such as museums, universities, and research institutions focus their efforts on bringing nano to the public. Last year, over 150 NanoDays outreach events were held in local communities nationwide. WOW! has been selected to participate this year! For more information visit: [www.nisenet.org](http://www.nisenet.org)

### A Nano Note from Dr. Nikki: *What is 'nano'?*

'Nano' comes from a Greek word meaning dwarf. Scientists use nano to describe things that are very small - a nanometer is one billionth of a meter. That's so small that a strand of your hair is about 75,000 nanometers wide! Individual atoms and molecules are measured in nanometers and they behave very differently than the bulk materials we can see and feel. Would you like to know more? Join us for NanoDays, a national celebration of nanotechnology taking place **March 28th-April 5th**. We will have hands-on activities for the whole family!

## SPECIAL EVENTS & HOLIDAY HOURS

- February 12th-14th: Valentine's Day crafts
- February 16th: President's Day crafts
- February 23rd: Splash! Drop-in art program. Explore painting in an unusual way!
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day crafts and coloring sheets
- March 23rd-27th: Spring Break crafts and activities
- April 22nd: Earth Day activities



WOW! will be OPEN:  
Monday, Feb. 16th: 9am-5pm  
Monday, Feb. 23rd: 9am-5pm  
Monday, March 23rd: 9am-5pm  
*\*OPEN March 23rd-29th for Boulder Valley Spring Break\**  
Monday, April 27th: 9am-5pm

WOW! will be CLOSED:  
Easter Sunday  
Mother's Day  
Memorial Day

## WOW! Winter & Spring Business Hours and Information:

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- Tuesday-Wednesday: 9am - 5pm (Toddlers Only from 9am - 10am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings)
- Thursday-Saturday: 10am - 6pm
- Sunday: 12pm-4pm
- Monday: CLOSED (except BVSD no school holidays)

### Admission Rates:

- General Admission: \$7.00 p/child
- Adults/Infants: FREE
- Memberships: \$65-\$95
- 10-Pass Punch Card: \$60
- Group Rate: \$5.50 for groups of 10 or more children (group reservation required)
- Member Guest Rate: \$5.50 p/child for friends/guests of members

## WOW! Membership Drive

Renew your membership in the month it's set to expire and receive 2 additional months on your membership for FREE! Begins February 1st!

## Volunteer Corner

\*Do you love science? We are in need of volunteer help for our drop-in science sessions! Contact Dr. Nikki: [nikki@alum.mit.edu](mailto:nikki@alum.mit.edu) or call for details!

\*Want to help us raise money? We are in need of volunteer help for our upcoming fundraiser! Contact Katie or Gemma at (303) 604-2424 for more information!