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THE WORLD OF WONDER NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear Friends and Families,

I would like to update you on a wide variety of activities that the staff at WOW! have been involved with over the past few months, all with the intent of increasing the quality of your visits to the Museum!

First, Heather Roberts and Susan Rasmussen are responsible for creating our wonderful new *Ride the Rails* exhibit, which includes interactive activities for passengers as well as conductors! Also, eight of WOW!'s employees are now CPR and First Aid certified. Finally, in late April six

employees attended a wide array of sessions on exhibits, programs, and interacting with our visitors at the annual Association of Children's Museums conference in Denver. We are anxious to put our new ideas to great use!

Secondly, I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support at our 3rd Annual Auction and Casino Night Fundraiser on April 5th. A list of our sponsors and contributors is included on the back of this newsletter. WOW! was able to raise \$65,000,

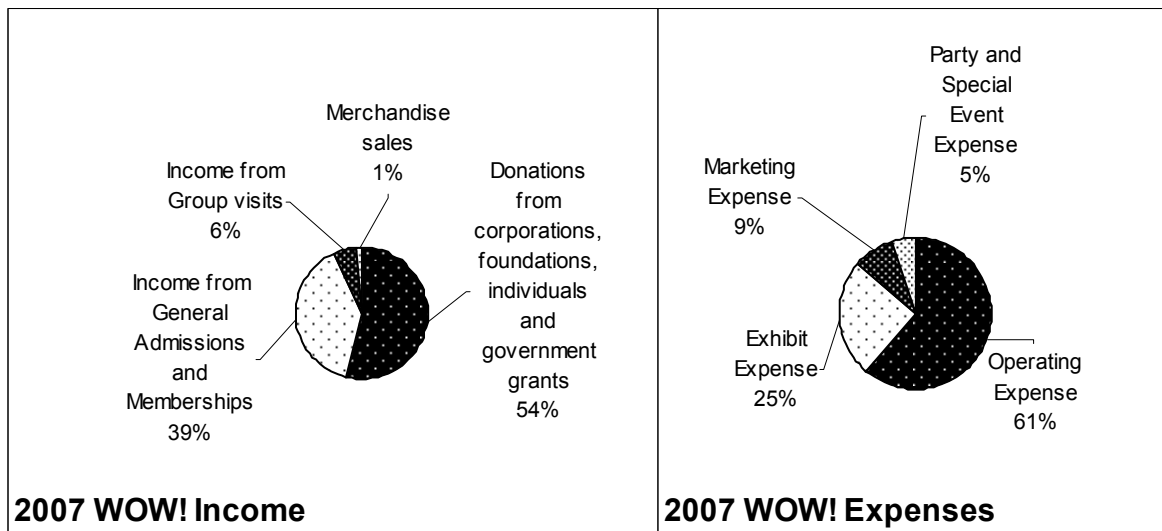
which will cover funds needed for our 2008 Scholarship Fund. Funds will also be used to build our new workshop this summer so we can repair and build some of our own exhibits onsite. Construction on the workshop space begins May 10th!

Below are pie charts on WOW!'s 2007 income and expenses, to share with you how important your donations are to keep the museum operating at its best. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
Lisa Atallah
Executive Director

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NEW! DROP-IN SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS!

You spoke, we listened! Drop-in science sessions this summer at WOW!

Are you curious about how to approach science with your kids? Join us throughout June for family science fun! We will explore the Museum's collections of shells, rocks, plants, and much more. These informal sessions are designed to help parents and children practice being scientists together. Children of all ages are welcome to participate - those who do not yet read must be accompanied by

someone age 12 years or older.

There is no charge during this pilot phase but donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to continue the program! The days and times for these sessions are to be determined. The more volunteer assistance we have, the more hours we can offer. So let us know if you want to help out!

Please contact Nikki Delaney, Science Coordinator, nikki@alum.mit.edu, if you have questions or would like to volunteer!

Wish List

Donate your extra items to WOW!

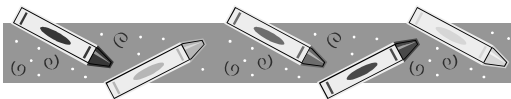
- Copy machine (with color capability)
- Scanner
- Digital camera
- Paper cutter (large format, heavy duty)
- Filing cabinets
- Adobe Illustrator software
- Office 2007 software
- Power tools for our new workshop
- Landscaping materials and services
- Ballet & tap shoes
- Art paper
- Storage shelving & storage supplies

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

COLORADO LIGHTS TRAVELING ART SHOW!

Colorado Lights is an art and literacy program designed for students in 3rd-5th grade. Students learn about the aurora and illustrate both creative and non-fiction pieces to express what they have learned. *Colorado Lights* promotes science literacy in a non-traditional setting such as in an art or reading class. This year's

winning entries have been selected to be featured in the *Colorado Lights* traveling art show! *Colorado Lights* will be on display at WOW! from **May 20th to June 21st!**



NOW OPEN! RIDE THE RAILS EXHIBIT!

WOW! is pleased to announce the opening of *Ride the Rails*, an interactive railroad exhibit. The creation of this exhibit has been made possible by the hard work of WOW! staff Susan Rasmussen and Heather Roberts as well as the by the members of the



Boulder Model Railroad Club!

Thanks to: Bob Rothe, Chris Komloski, Roy Johnson, Loren Blaney, Sam Kent, Jack Rummel, Carl Schneider, Bruce Dickerhofe, Bob Uhr, and Ken Ziebarth for creating the new HO scale model railroad! Thanks to Diane Vaswig for creating the train costumes!

USE GOODSEARCH.COM & EARN MONEY FOR WOW!

GoodSearch

GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its revenue (about a penny per search) to the charity of the users choice! Did you know that WOW! is an eligible charity on GoodSearch? It's now really easy to help us raise money! Simply

visit: www.GoodSearch.com and designate WOW! Children's Museum (or just type in WOW!) as the charity of your choice! Enter your search term and search often! WOW! earns a penny for every search you do on GoodSearch.com! Also visit **GoodShop** and a portion of your online purchases are donated back to WOW!

SUMMER SCIENCE CLASSES AT WOW!

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Pre-K (Ages 3-5 years) Classes:

All classes meet from 10:15-11:00am

Use Your Senses - July 9th

Bird Bonanza - July 23rd

*Science of Ice Cream - August 6th & 7th

Grades K-5th Classes:

K-2nd meet from 1:30-2:30pm

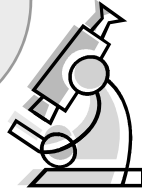
3rd-5th grade meet from 2:45-3:45pm

Science Scavenger Hunt - July 10th

Bird Bonanza - July 24th

*Science of Ice Cream - August 6th & 7th

**Class is not appropriate for children with dairy allergies. Grades K-5th will be in class together from 1:30-2:30pm both days.*



COST:

Members: \$9

Non-Members: \$10

Multi-Class Discount:
Register for 3 or more classes per child and receive \$1.00 off each class! Includes Light & Shadow Camp!

REGISTRATION:
Pre-registration is required for all classes. Adult participation required for all Pre-K classes. For more information please call: (303) 604-2424.



Volunteer Corner

*Thank you to the **Kohl's A Team** for their help moving in the new model railroad!

*Thank you to the **SUN Microsystems** volunteers for cleaning and sprucing up the outside of the Museum for National Volunteer Week!

*WOW! is in need of a volunteer plumber and electrician - please contact our Volunteer Manager, Heather Roberts for more information!

*Do you love science? Contact Dr. Nikki about becoming a science exhibit or science program volunteer! Contact via email: nikki@alum.mit.edu or call (303) 604-2424 for details and information!

LIGHT & SHADOW SCIENCE CAMP!



This 3-day class explores the concepts behind our newest science exhibit, *Light & Shadow!*

Day 1: Learn how light moves, bends, and bounces. Experiment with mirrors and shadows.

Day 2: Find out where rainbows come from. Play with colors and explore invisible light.

Day 3: Discover solar power and light energy.

Grades K - 2: July 15th-17th from 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Grades 3 - 5: July 29th-July 31st from 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Camp content will build on previous classes - each day is a prerequisite for the rest of the session. However, children may sign up for Day 1 only or Days 1 and 2 only. 3-Day discount: sign up for the entire camp for only \$24 (members) / \$27 (non-members)!

WOW! Summer Business Hours and Information:

Summer Business Hours

(June 1st-August 18th)

Monday-Wednesday: 9am - 5pm
(Toddlers Only from 9am - 10am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings)

Thursday-Saturday: 10am - 6pm

Sunday: CLOSED

**Please note that in the summer months WOW! is OPEN on Mondays and CLOSED on Sundays.*

Admission Rates:

General Admission: \$7.00 p/child

Adults/Infants: FREE

Memberships: \$65-\$95

10-Pass Punch Card: \$60

Field Trip Rate: \$5.50 for groups of 10 or more children (field trip reservation required)

Member Guest Rate: \$5.50 p/child for friends/guests of members



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Just Announced! WOW! has been named one of the best
places to take toddlers by Kids' Pages Magazine!

Thank you to our 2008 Casino Royale Auction & Casino Night Fundraiser donors and sponsors!
WOW! thanks all the individuals and businesses who made our event a great success!

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