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The  
Discovery Museums



25TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebration!

SAVE THE DATE!  
Saturday, November 17, 2007



The  
Discovery Museums

Join us for an unforgettable evening  
at the Concord Country Club.

We'll celebrate 25 years of  
bringing science and discovery to  
children, families, and teachers on  
Saturday, November 17, 2007

Invitations will be sent in  
September, but *Save the Date* now.

Call 978.264.4200 ext. 24 if you  
would like to help with this event  
or have questions!

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the  
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August 16, 2007

Chairman F. Dore' Hunter  
Acton Board of Selectmen  
472 Main Street  
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Chairman Hunter,

This October, The Discovery Museums will celebrate 25 years of encouraging young imaginations to flourish through hands-on exploration. To mark the occasion of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we've planned a birthday celebration for the entire week of October 20, 2007 and a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on November 17.

I am writing to you today to request your support of a Proclamation marking October 26, 2007 "Discovery Museums Day." Your office kindly assisted us with this when we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002. In fact, the proclamations are still framed and hung for all to see in our entranceway. Amy Kennedy, our Marketing and Membership Manager, will follow-up shortly to coordinate the details and find out what you need or what we need to do for a proclamation. She can be contacted at 978-264-4200 x35 or at 978-337-1517. Joan Appleton, an Acton resident and museum volunteer, is working with Amy on this project.

The Discovery Museums have much to be proud of in our 25-year history. We serve over 140,000 visitors a year. We have expanded educational programs, bringing inquiry-learning into local schools and providing teachers with the training they need to make these concepts come alive in their own classrooms. We have received numerous local, regional and international awards for excellence in exhibits and innovative programs. Recently, we acquired a neighboring property, which will increase our campus by 50% and allow us to further meet our patron's needs. We take tremendous pride in hearing stories about our young visitors who grow up to choose challenging and exciting life paths using the critical thinking skills we helped foster. Enclosed is more detailed information about the community impact of The Discovery Museums.

In addition, we would be honored to have your attendance at our Anniversary Gala on Saturday November 17 (save the date post card is enclosed). You are also welcome to attend our anniversary celebrations throughout October 20-28 and make a formal presentation of the Proclamation on one of the days.

We hope you will join us to help us mark our special anniversary! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 978-264-4200 x25. Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Michael Judd  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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## The Discovery Museums 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2007-08

### Community Impact

Since 1982 TDM has provided high quality exhibits and programs to thousands of young children. With your support in our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, TDM will continue to serve its community in many ways:

- Served more than 3 million visitors since opening to the public in 1982
- Reached more than 177,000 K-6 students in their classrooms through the *Museum@School* program that brings the excitement of hands-on science learning directly to children since 1990
- Develop new science curricula such as Simple Machines that helps elementary school teachers present one of the most challenging subjects to young students in an accessible, fun way
- Give reduced or free admissions to thousands of children and their families from underserved communities each year through the *Open Door* program
- Mount special programs for families of children with special needs such as our program with Minute Man ARC
- Fill a special niche with programs and activities for pre-school children, including concerts, story telling and literacy, arts and crafts, puppet theater, and special events
- Increase public awareness of environmental and other science issues with special public education programs such as *Watersheds, Water Quality and You!* and *Community Chemistry*
- Provide after-school science enrichment for children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest through *KWEST—Kids Who Explore Science Together*
- Partner with the Acton Public Schools and other local school systems to improve science education at the elementary and middle school levels
- Increase tourism and the vibrancy of the MetroWest area economy as 16<sup>th</sup> most popular museum and 22<sup>nd</sup> most popular tourist attraction in the state
- Inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, medical professionals, teachers, and other careers, such as James Eldridge, our State Representative
- Serve as critical connection for young people who are trained for their first job as *Explorers* and go on to careers in science and engineering

*"I like science but, when I came to your museum, I started to love science. Now science is my favorite and I even tried some of the things at home. Thanks... the Museum was fantastic." (Tewksbury, MA 4th grader)*

*"Everything that was in the museum was the coolest things I've ever seen." (3rd grader from Dorchester, MA)*

**Proclamation  
by  
Acton Board of Selectmen**

**Whereas**, The Discovery Museums were founded in October 1981; and

**Whereas**, for 25 years, The Discovery Museums have made a significant contribution to the education of the children of Acton through inquiry-based learning by encouraging children, families and educators to explore the wonders of science, nature, humanities and the arts; and

**Whereas**, The Discovery Museums have expanded their impact beyond museums walls by providing teacher education workshops and school outreach programs in the Acton community and surround towns; and

**Whereas**, the Discovery Museums have become an enduring symbol of Acton and have made a significant and lasting cultural, economic and social impact on the town during the course of the past 25 years; and

**Whereas**, The Discovery Museums are beginning a year-long celebration of their 25th Anniversary on October 20, 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Selectmen of the Town of Acton, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2007 as:

***Discovery Museums Appreciation Day***

in Acton, and encourage all citizens to recognize the outstanding contributions of The Discovery Museums.

DATED: September 10, 2007

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**ACTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**