

## DCM Fact Sheet

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### Impact on Children

- Children are born learning. The Museum is committed to facilitate their learning with a one-of-a-kind, interactive environment, based on the latest brain development research.
- This inviting setting encourages families to come together free of the constraints of race, class, ethnicity or ability.

### Impact on the Community

- DuPage Children's Museum (DCM) is the 9<sup>th</sup> most visited cultural attraction in the Chicagoland area.
- DCM was awarded the 2010 BEST CHICAGO MUSEUM by Nickelodeon's Parents' Picks (voted over four larger Chicago museums – Chicago Children's Museum, Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry and the Shedd Aquarium)
- DCM welcomes over 300,000 visitors annually.
- Over 7,500 families are members of the Museum.
- DCM partners with 62 social service organizations to provide free admission to families in need.
- Wheelchair accessibility, specialized programs and adaptive devices welcome children with special needs.
- The latest parenting information and support are available through the Family Resource Center, the DCM web site and special programs.
- Portable exhibits travel to agencies whose families cannot otherwise visit the Museum.
- Children and families experience the arts through *Tiny Great Performances*, visiting artists and special events.
- To increase accessibility, the Museum offers extended hours on Friday evenings with Family Fun Nights for the whole family.

### Impact on Education

- Over 35,000 students in grades K-5 participate in DCM's math and science Learning Labs and field trips each year.
- Teachers and early childhood professionals learn how to provide hands-on learning experiences through DCM's professional development programs.
- DCM's *Kindergarten Math Initiative* has reached over 17,000 students and received the Best Practices Award from the Association of Midwest Museums.

### Impact on the Field of Early Childhood Development

- Awards have been abundant since the Museum's inception in 1987. From the architecture of the building itself, to the innovative programs, original exhibits and even our staff, DCM continues to be studied and replicated statewide and nationwide.