

Press Release



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[Editor's Note: Photo jpeg attached to e-mail; caption included below.]

DuPage Children's Museum welcomes State Treasurer, Alexi Giannoulias

(Naperville, IL) – DuPage Children's Museum staff welcomed State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias for a brief visit on Thursday, July 9. Mr. Giannoulias wanted to see first-hand the exhibits, programs and activities that occur at the award-winning Museum on a daily basis. *Crain's Chicago Business* had ranked DCM as the tenth leading Chicago-area tourist attraction for cultural institutions. It was also voted 2009 *Daily Herald* Readers Choice Best Suburban Museum and Best Area Museum/Best of the West by *West Suburban Living Magazine* readers for both 2008 and 2009.

Joining DCM Executive Director Susan Broad to welcome Mr. Giannoulias to the Museum were Representative Darlene Senger (R-96th District), Naperville Mayor George Pradel, DCM Board President Jim Sheehan and hundreds of Museum visitors, volunteers and employees. State Treasurer Giannoulias toured each of DCM's six exhibit neighborhoods and both of the Museum's art galleries. He also observed an in-progress program in the Museum's Art Studio that was packed with parents and children engaged in a variety of learning-through-play activities.

"I think this is an exceptional place and I'm very impressed with what I've seen today. I want to visit again but next time with my three-year-old niece," said the State Treasurer. "I'm sure she'd love it here."

The Museum is a unique, three-story discovery center *where learning comes in to play™* for every member of the family. More than 150 innovative activities invite children to splash, construct, build, create and play in lively learning neighborhoods including Build It, AirWorks, Make It Move, Creativity Connections, Math Connections and WaterWays. Two galleries introduce young children to the colorful, creative, inspirational world of art while the daily Studio Drop-In activities allow children to create their own take-home works of art.

DuPage Children's Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking and problem solving in young children via interactive exhibits and programs that make learning fun for children and adults playing together. The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible.

DuPage Children's Museum is a top Chicago area cultural attraction *where learning comes in to play™!* For information about hours, Museum admission and membership packages, visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org or call (630) 637-8000.

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Photo captions:

PHOTO ONE: Naperville Mayor George Pradel, and DuPage Children's Museum Executive Director Susan Broad welcome Illinois State Treasurer, Alexi Giannoulias during a site visit on Thursday, July 9.



PHOTO TWO: Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias interacting with young constituents in the Math Connections Exhibit Neighborhood during a site visit on Thursday, July 9 at DuPage Children's Museum.

