

# Press Release

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

## DuPage Children's Museum Receives Grant Supporting Math and Science Labs

(Naperville, IL) – DuPage Children's Museum received a \$5,000 grant from The DuPage Community Foundation to help underwrite eight different acclaimed math and science Learning Labs for elementary students, such as *Wheels, Levers & Pulleys* and *GeoSpace*. The grant was awarded during a special distribution open house on Wednesday, December 9, at the Foundation's office in Wheaton, Illinois.

DCM's Learning Labs offer age-appropriate hands-on, interactive experiences that help children form intuitive understandings of integrated science and mathematical concepts through open-ended exploration. During Learning Labs, children manipulate levers, pulleys, magnets, shapes or simple machines to form a better understanding of abstract mathematical and science concepts, which serves as a solid foundation for conceptualizing more advanced concepts.

Supporting curriculum and addressing Illinois State goals, national goals as well as National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards, the Learning Labs serve more than 22,000 students a year, ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade in more than 30 school districts.

### About DuPage Children's Museum

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](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org) or call (630) 637-8000.

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### About The DuPage Community Foundation

Established in 1986, The DuPage Community Foundation is a publicly supported 501 (c)(3) organization to which contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation was created to benefit the people of DuPage County and receives contributions and bequests into a permanent endowment from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations wishing to make lasting contributions to the people of DuPage County. The earnings on these funds are then used, in accordance with donor wishes, for the Foundation's grantmaking and community leadership activities.

The DuPage Community Foundation seeks to raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County by fostering philanthropy, connecting donors to area needs and building community partnerships. Based on the American virtues of volunteerism and philanthropy, the Foundation fosters a legacy of support for the people of DuPage County by making grants to not-for-profit organizations working in the arts and culture, education, environmental affairs, health and human services.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$9.8 million in grants to not-for-profit agencies serving the residents of DuPage County. In addition to its discretionary grant programs, the Foundation awards grants from donor-advised and other restricted funds on an ongoing basis. Total grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 amounted to more than \$2.2 million.

For further information about the Foundation or to arrange future media opportunities, please contact Jeffrey Hartman, Manager of Development, at (630) 665-5556 or [jhartman@dcdn.org](mailto:jhartman@dcdn.org).

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FOUNDATION HELPS SUPPORT  
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LABS**

(from l to r) Sue Broad, DuPage Children's Museum's Executive Director, accepts \$5,000 check from Dan Maguire, DuPage Community Foundation Trustee and Grant Committee Member.