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# Bucks County Children's Museum

A child-centered environment filled with energy, exploration and discovery. This best describes the vision for the Bucks County Children's Museum. Expected to open in 2011, the Bucks County Children's Museum will be a place for fun and imagination where visitors will interact with hands-on exhibits and learn about the rich history and culture Bucks County through play. Created with children under the age of 8 in mind, former teacher and museum President Kelly Krumenacker says that the experience of visiting the museum will be enjoyed by ages 0 – 99. "We want to create an atmosphere that brings Bucks County to life for the 70,000 young learners in our community and have both children and parents walk away with a greater understanding and respect for the place they live in." Just a few of the potential exhibit ideas include a scale-model farm stand featuring local produce that kids can take to market, an early American town square where visitors can work in a turn of the century post office and general store, a watershed exhibit that will allow children to splash around in as they learn how to preserve our waterways, and regional landforms exhibit complete with a climbing wall based on Bucks County topography.

Thanks to a tremendous response from the community, the museum's site committee has stepped up efforts to identify a site for the museum and is currently evaluating potential locations. Based upon market research, museum organizers are looking for a site within the Central Bucks region with a minimum of

Museum will be a unique experience and by drawing year-round visitors to the area, the museum will make a much needed positive impact on the local economy."

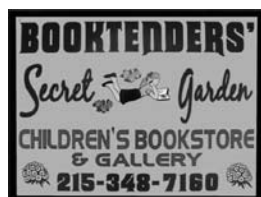
As the search for a site is completed, the board of the Bucks County Children's Museum's board of directors is busy fostering partnerships with local like-minded organizations, exploring the feasibility of a mobile exhibit that would bring the museum's mission to schools and community events, securing funding from private, corporate, and government sources, and planning the first museum benefit, "An Afternoon at the Polo Club" to be held Saturday, September 19th at the Tinicum Polo Park on River Road in Tinicum. Event organizers have planned a day filled with food, auctions, kid's activities and crafts, and polo which guests can enjoy from the comfort of the museum's VIP tent. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children (ages 2 & under free) Gates open at 1:00 and the polo match begins at 2:00. The event is being sponsored by CBCC members Fulton Bank and Crystal Rose Catering along with Astrotent and Wealth Advisory Services of Doylestown. For ticket information call Kim at 215-345-4370 or email Polotickets@aol.com. More information about the event and the museum project can be found at [www.buckskids.org](http://www.buckskids.org). **W4**



From left to right: Pictured left to right with Honorary Board Member Senator Charles McIlhinney are Board Members Ken Keller, Richard Gastineau, Larry Bozzomo, Kelly Krumenacker, Anne Richtarik, Wendy Dill, and Eric Hopkins Not pictured are board members Dr. David Weitzel, James Horan, as well as Honorary Board Member Dr. Vail Garvin.

5000 square feet with room for expansion. The location must be easily accessible from the northern and southern areas of the county as well as visiting tourists. According to board member Eric Hopkins, "A visit to the Bucks County Children's

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