



## President's Corner

### Winter 2010

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Happy holidays to all and best wishes for the new year ahead.

For The Children's Museum and our Roaring Brook Nature Center, 2010 was a year of challenges and opportunities. Like businesses and families all over Connecticut, it's been more of a struggle in these difficult economic times. So we have worked harder to raise funds, cut costs, and innovate while staying true to our success as an educational and recreational resource for children and families — a place where science and nature are fun.

Why science and nature? Think about those trapped Chilean miners and all the science behind their amazing rescue. Think about the Gulf Coast oil spill and the precarious natural world in which we live. Think about the huge educational achievement gap in Connecticut. It's not too much to say that The Children's Museum is here to help teach important lessons and values for generations to come. It may look like kids just playing in our new flight exhibit, just enjoying a movie at our Science Dome Theater or a just having a fun walk in the woods at Roaring Brook Nature Center, but it's so much more. It's all about experiences that teach and lessons learned that better prepare kids for school and for life.

So our New Year's resolution at The Children's Museum is to do what we do even better and reach even more children, families, teachers, and schools. The year 2011 will see more of our special Family Science Sundays, more education outreach in schools and after-school programs, the roll-out of our big NASA-funded initiative, a major new exhibit, and membership that's still a great bargain for free family attendance here as well as at children's museums and science centers across the nation and even worldwide.

For all of this, we need you even more as members, donors and friends. As we begin a new year, we also welcome your advice. I hope you will always feel free to e-mail me ([ksullivan@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](mailto:ksullivan@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org)) with your thoughts on how we are doing, what we can do better, and how you can help. Together, let's make it a great new year for The Children's Museum.

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