

## ***Hands On!-A Child's Gallery-Exhibit Descriptions***

*Hands On!-A Child's Gallery's* offers a fun way to spend the day, promoting family interaction and education. Our exhibits include:

**Hands On! Mountain:** (Sponsored by *Park Ridge Health, Janirve Foundation, Vineyard Family Foundation & Rudnick Advised Fund*). The 850 sq. ft. "icon" of the museum is the Hands On! Mountain. Inspired by our natural surroundings, the mountain is designed to entice children to interact while learning the science of cause and effect relationships.

**Community Co-op:** A miniature, mock *Hendersonville Community Co-op* puts children in charge of the shopping. During the hands-on fun of collecting groceries, children add and subtract, plan nutritious meals, play at job roles and learn about family responsibilities such as budgeting.

**Costume Theatre:** Use our props and stage and your imagination to put on a play!

**Puppet Theatre:** Use our variety of clever puppets & your imagination to entertain an audience with a puppet show.

**Veterinary Clinic:** This area, sponsored by *Etowah Valley Veterinary Hospital*, teaches children the importance of pet care. Children can feed pets, care for them in kennels & perform surgery.

**Build Your Brain:** Child work on gross motor skills playing with the Imagination Playground and learn about forces and motion with the Bernoulli Blower and Archimedes Screw. Sponsored by Exxon Mobil, Duke Energy, and the Glass Foundation.

**Kilwins:** This child friendly version of the well-loved ice cream store on Mainstreet allows visitors to explore community occupations, colors, shapes, counting and more. Sponsored by *Kilwins*.

**Go Fish!:** Row a boat, go fishing, explore magnets and learn about WNC fish. Sponsored by the Glass Foundation.

**The Baby Place:** Sponsored by *Park Ridge Health*, this quieter area is filled with babies for visitors to rock, read to, change, stroll and nurture. Our lullaby board with lullabies from around the world will introduce songs and foreign languages. Early childhood literacy-books, alphabet tracing & a box that visitors can check out and explore more in the Party Room.

**Lego Ramp:** Learn about gravity, speed and creative design when you build your own Lego car to race down our huge ramp. Sponsored by Hendersonville Pediatrics.

**Music Room:** Learn to identify the sounds of musical instruments, or test your concentration and memory skills with our challenging musical games.

**Creative Arts:** An art area with smocks and open easels invites children to create an original masterpiece, or test your drawing skills at our Draw-a-friend. Other art forms include: Window Markers, Buddha Board wall Sculpting table and Dyed-rice manipulation table.

**Bubbleology:** Learn the art of creating beautiful rainbow bubbles and learn the science behind bubble making. This exhibit is sponsored by the *Junior Woman's Club of Hendersonville*.

**Toothy Tango:** *Dr. Richard Reid & Dr. Alison Reid* teach you all about dental hygiene as you sit in the dentist chair, read dental themed books, play with an oversized toothbrush while brushing a dinosaurs teeth!

**Science Cart:** It may be small but its mighty! This cart rotates on a monthly basis and houses a hands on science demonstration or experiment. From rocks to skulls and beyond, it is scintillating. Sponsored by the *Glass Foundation*.

**Kaleidoscope Table:** Explore art and math with 8 teleidoscopes. Sponsored by the Glass Foundation.

**Private Room:** In addition to these exhibits, a private room is available for special events/classes and birthday parties.

**Scavenger Hunt:** Hands On! has a wonderful scavenger hunt that changes quarterly. Test your skills of observation!

**And MORE:** peruse the museum for magnet walls, Hendersonville maze wall, Hand Washing Hut, Coin Racer, "What's the Weather?", Simple Machines, Waterwheel, Mountain Ecology Scavenger Hunt and more!