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A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village Receives \$50,000 Grant from Meyer Memorial Trust

Salem, OR—A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village has received a \$50,000 grant from Meyer Memorial Trust for a two-year renovation project for multiple exhibits. The grant brings the total money raised this year for exhibit renovation to \$127,000. The museum aims to reach at total \$150,000 in grants by the end of 2008.

The grant funds two exhibits that opened in June 2008: the relocation and remodel of the Cave of Frozen Shadows, now known as the Undersea Cave of Frozen Shadows, and the installation of *Recollections*, an exhibit that allows children to explore movement and light through vivid time-delayed, full-size images of themselves.

Additional projects funded in part by this grant include *Go Figure!* (a math and literacy exhibit) and the Brazilian Rainforest Theater, which opened in October 2008. The grant also will fund the creation of an Oregon geology and geography exhibit, a remodel of the A.C. Gilbert history room and the addition of a hallway treatment on Time and Calendars, all scheduled to open in 2009.

Meyer Memorial Trust was created by the late Fred G. Meyer, who built the chain of retail stores bearing his name throughout the Pacific Northwest. Meyer Memorial Trust is a private, independent foundation representing Mr. Meyer's personal philanthropy. The Meyer Trust is not connected in any way with Fred Meyer Inc., the retail enterprise. The Meyer

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Memorial Trust makes grants to qualified tax-exempt applicants in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a private nonprofit children's museum located in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. Founded in 1989, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village provides innovative and stimulating educational experiences that spark children's natural curiosity. The Village's mission is to provoke curiosity, inspire awe, awaken interest, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.

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