

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



In memory of
Richard J. Costello

Wonderfeet
Kids'
Museum
Rutland, VT

WONDERFEET KIDS' MUSEUM

2022 IMPACT STATEMENT

How does your local children's museum impact the area's families and economy?



Over 14,000 visitors in 2022 - comparable to pre-pandemic visitor rates - spending time and money in our local downtown and businesses



Over 700 local students received Wonderfeet programming in their schools or during field trips to the museum





125 families received reduced-cost Family Museum Memberships



128 visits were conducted by social workers and social service agencies connecting families through the healing power of play!



76 families visited the museum using a Local Library Lending Pass



Over 800 attendees to our FREE weekly postpartum support and play group, It Takes a Village



Over 1,000 visits during FREE community events such as Friday Night Live and the Downtown Rutland Tree Lighting



Wonderfeet partnered with Come Alive Outside, Let's Grow Kids, Rutland County Parent Child Center, Rutland Free Library, Rutland County Boys & Girls Club, Rutland Area Robotics, Partners for Prevention, Rutland Mental Health Services, Rutland Regional Medical Center, and The Mint to provide community events and programs in 2022



Wonderfeet Kids' Museum

Explore Imagine Create

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On Christmas Eve of 2021, a small team from Wonderfeet met with a local family to share our vision for expanding our impact on kids and families in Rutland County by building a new Wonderfeet Kids' Museum in Downtown Rutland. As three generations of the family listened to the mission and vision of the Wonderfeet team, it became clear that expanded space and programming that supports families with young kids was needed and vital for Rutland. The ball had already started rolling when Wonderfeet had been approached by Green Mountain Power to consider repurposing their Energy Innovation Center building on Merchant's Row in Rutland.

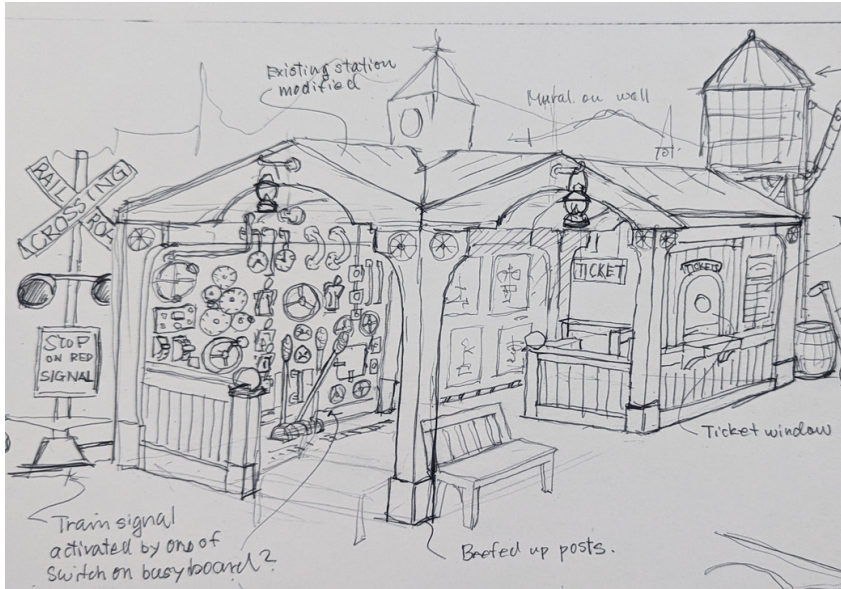
With the initial support and vision from this family and the support from a broad range of sponsors like you, this vision is now a reality. The science is clear, kids have the best chance in life when they share their earliest years with adults who are loving and engaged and that play is the best way to help young minds grow! Wonderfeet was fortunate to be offered this opportunity by Green Mountain Power - but turning this opportunity into a new museum would not be possible without support of our community,



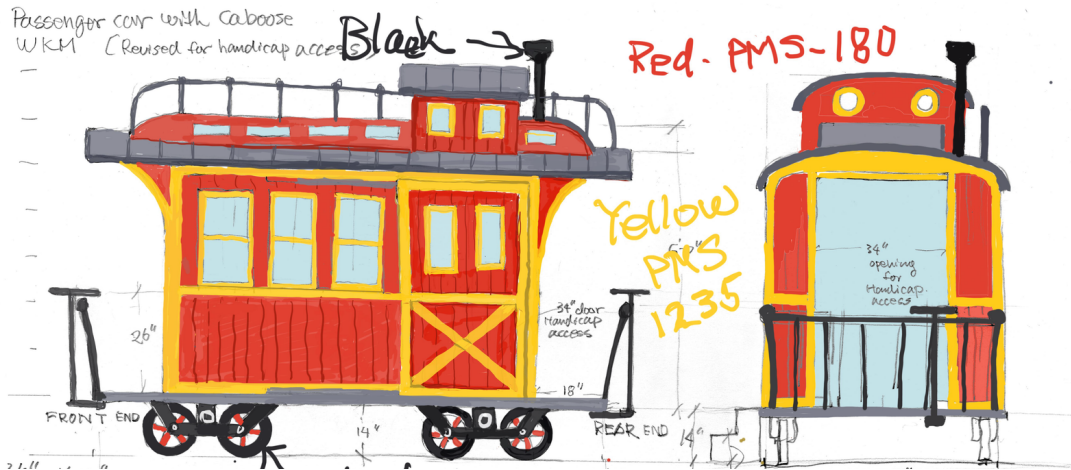
A year later, we have completed designs on five new exhibits with another three exhibits in the works. Demolition, lighting, and painting are all underway. We've even started moving over our current exhibits.



We're happy to share a sneak preview of some of our new exhibits with you!



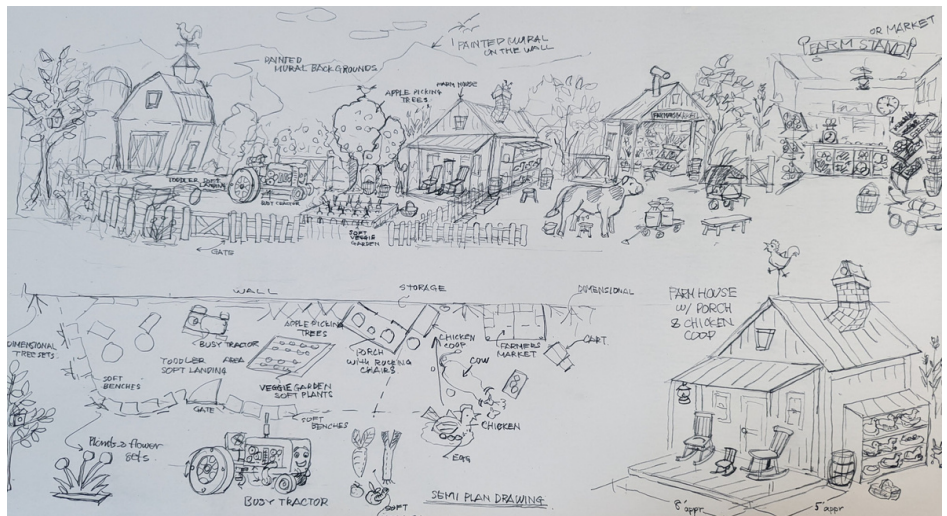
You already know our signature exhibit - the interactive steam train engine. Children will now also enjoy a caboose with a cargo bay and passenger seating. They will role play in the new station building, buying and purchasing tickets, wheeling around luggage, and manning the engine room.



Our youngest guests will have a dedicated area “down on the farm”. In the gated farmyard, there will be soft mats for climbing and playing, a felt vegetable garden, an interactive tractor sensory board, and a grove of apple trees with apples that can really be picked!

Just outside the gate will be a farmhouse with a porch, rocking chairs, and a coop of chickens that lay eggs that children will collect.

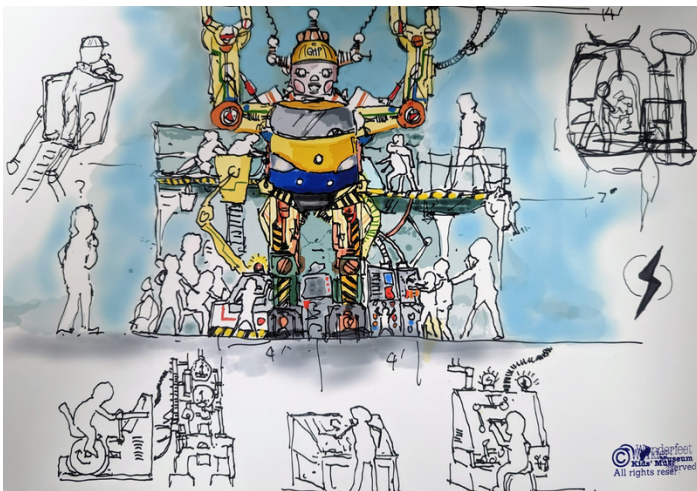
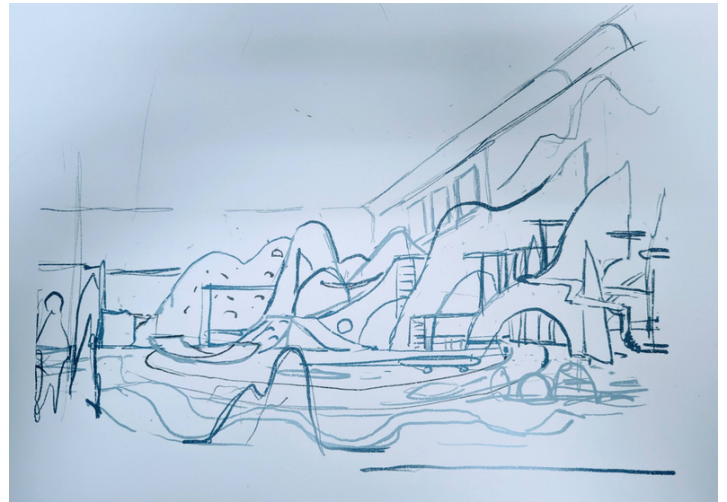
At the Farmer’s Market, children will sell and buy fruits and vegetables which can also be carted over to the train to be shipped out or diner to be cooked and served.





Right in the center of town, kids will find themselves driving a Casella recycling truck. When they pull a lever, they will dump recyclables onto a turntable where they can collect and sort objects before dropping them into matching portholes. In addition to navigating the puzzle “GPS” map and controlling the back-up cameras and headlights, kids can also operate a “robotic” sorting arm on the processing platform!

At the Killington mountain playground, kids will explore a unique three dimensional landscape that reflects the skyline of the mountain landscape. Each nook of the structure will house different experiences that encourage children to test their gross motor skills and explore the forces of motion and gravity. They will also test out seasonal activities like mountain biking and snowboarding.



Still under design, is an interactive energy robot that allows children and their families to explore electricity. In this multi-level exhibit, kids will not only generate power through their own motion, but they will also experiment with circuits as they light up and electrify various elements of the structure.

As we close in on the finish line for this project, the “train” is starting to speed down the tracks. The current Wonderfeet on Center Street in Rutland closed its doors on February 28, 2023 so we can focus on completing construction and exhibit installation in March and April.

We look forward to opening our doors on Merchants Row in May and will be sharing with you plans for an exciting grand opening celebration in the Fall of 2023 that will include all of Downtown Rutland. We hope you can be there with us to share in the joy that you have helped to bring to our community!

We know that you are approached every year with worthy causes. We truly appreciate that you have chosen to support Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum.

Sincerely,

Danielle Monroe, Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum Executive Director

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