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John and Gina Dineen to Dedicate Two New Science Exhibits at expERIENCE Children's Museum

Erie, Penn., May 3, 2008 – GE – Transportation President and CEO John Dineen and his wife, Gina, formally dedicated two new exhibits at the expERIENCE Children's Museum on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. The Museum is located at 420 French Street, Erie, Pa. The Dineens recently made a generous \$25,000 donation that was used to acquire the Air Sorter Exhibit and the Air Toss Exhibit.

"These exhibits represent GE's ongoing commitment to improve education for our community," John Dineen said. "Gina and I are pleased to play a part in helping our region's children explore the exciting world of science and technology."

June Pinteá, the Museum's executive director, said for years GE – Transportation has supported the expERIENCE Children's Museum and said the Dineens' gift is a more personal reflection of GE's commitment. "We deeply appreciate John and Gina's donation," she said. "The Dineen family has taken an active role in our efforts and these exhibits would not be possible without them."

Pinteá explained that the Air Sorter and Air Toss exhibits will help children understand aerodynamics in a fun, interactive way. "We understand GE's commitment to education and the air sorters will do much to encourage children's interest in science," she said.

The Air Sorter Exhibit allows children to discover the power of air by directing air pressure. The display encourages problem solving, predicting and cooperation among children exploring the exhibit by inserting foam balls into a maze of air-pressured pipes. With the Air Toss Exhibit, children discover aerodynamics as they experiment with air-powered activities on this two-sided exhibit. On one side, inserted foam balls travel through vertical air chutes to a catch basket. The other side offers air hoses to power activities, from pinwheels to inflatable objects. Both exhibits were developed by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

The Dineens and their two children have been frequent Museum patrons since relocating to Erie in 2005. "We see the value in the type of interactive education the expERIENCE Children's Museum provides," said Gina Dineen. "Our children have enjoyed the Museum's hands-on exhibits and in doing so, they've have developed skills in science, math and the arts while having a lot of fun in the process."

The Dineens' exhibit dedication is a prelude to the Museum's summer fundraiser which will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2008, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at the party room of Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort and Boston Pizza Restaurant and Sports Bar, located at 8091 Peach Street, Erie. The event, "Tiki Time," will include live and silent auctions to help raise funds for the Museum.

"This fundraiser is an important event for the Museum and we encourage the community – businesses, organizations, parents and grandparents – to support it," said John Dineen. "Our community is fortunate to have the expERIENCE Children's Museum along with so many other valuable assets that benefit children."

Ticket prices for the Tiki Time fundraiser are \$150 per couple and \$75 for an individual ticket. For tickets and for more information, contact the expERIENCE Children's Museum at 814-453-3743.

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About the expERIENCE Children's Museum

Located in the heart of downtown Erie, Pa., the expERIENCE Children's Museum has more than 55 hands-on exhibits in a "please touch" environment. The exhibits teach children and adults natural social studies, sciences, arts and life experiences. Opened in 1995, the Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings a balance between education and entertainment is programmed to develop a sense of excitement and discovery.

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