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In FY 2010 the Museum had much to celebrate.

After years of planning and fundraising, trustees and staff broke ground in May on the new EcoDiscovery Center, a major expansion scheduled to open in late 2011. Additional major support flowed from million dollar commitments from the State of Florida and from the Harry T. Mangurian Jr. Foundation to name the new Lifelong Learning Center in the new wing.

Internal renovation received attention too, with the opening in October 2009 of Phase 2 of the highly interactive Aviation Station, thanks to generous support from the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust. Outside the mature trees in the "backyard" of the Museum were carefully prepared and relocated to the eastern portion of museum property to make room for the museum expansion.

Despite the weak national economy, the Museum continued to operate in the black, with a balanced budget drawn largely from earned income, supplemented by corporate and private philanthropy, and given added stability by a small sprinkling of government and foundation grants. The Museum is governed by a Board of Trustees that includes some of our community's most trusted and influential citizens, who spearhead continuing support for the Museum. Our experienced professional staff and many volunteers provide the manpower and expertise to keep the Museum fresh and exciting.

As President/CEO and Chairman of the Board, we are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize and to thank the many volunteers, donors and community partners who help the Museum extend its pathways to learning.



Kim L. Cavendish President/CEO



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