

 **Museum Growth under leadership of Executive Director Marlene Brown** - In 2001 Marlene began running the Museum as unpaid President of the Board of Directors. In 2002, the museum Board appointed Marlene the museum's Executive Director. She has served in that position ever since, choosing to continue unpaid, in her passion, vision and mission to keep growing the museum for the children & families we serve.

<b>2002</b>
<b>In 2002, the 4<sup>th</sup> floor was opened and the museum was adopted by NASA &amp; DOE's Office of Science (thanks to then Congressman Sherry Boehlert). The museum was founded in 1963.</b>
<b>2003</b>
<b>In 2003, the museum installed new Heating &amp; Air Conditioning on most floors, making a significant difference in our utility bills (thanks to a grant our director obtained).</b>
<b>2004</b>
<b>In 2004, the museum secured a new oak front door and updated our front entranceway (thanks to the volunteer GE Elfun's group).</b>
<b>2005</b>
<b>In 2005, we installed new energy-efficient windows throughout (thanks to grants from then Sen. Ray Meier, The Community Foundation &amp; Nimo Foundation).</b>
<b>2006</b>
<b>In 2006, we cut the ribbon on our Commemorative Brick Sidewalk (thanks to the late Roger Sinnott, Bank of Utica) and continued our renovations &amp; growth, thanks to many supporters.</b>
<b>2007</b>
<b>In 2007, we finished the required paperwork and had our museum building officially certified as a NYS &amp; Federal Historic building (in historic Baggs Square East).</b>
<b>2008</b>
<b>In 2008, we installed new energy-efficient lighting throughout + new roof signs (thanks to a grant from NYS Senator Joe Griffo) &amp; began our Festival of Trees.</b>
<b>2009</b>
<b>In 2009, we installed an LED Play Dance Floor &amp; Touch Screen History Quizzes (thanks to The Community Foundation) &amp; an interactive Lionel Train (thanks to GE Elfun's).</b>
<b>2010</b>
<b>In 2010, we redid our leaking roof (going from 25 lbs psf to 5 lbs psf – thanks to the Community Foundation, Bank of Utica, Sen. Donovan Foundation); setup a donated ceramic village, a musical light show, a donated HO train exhibit, and were named for the 2nd year in a row 1 of 3 finalists in the Mohawk Valley Chamber's Business of the Year for NFP's under 50 employees.</b>
<b>2011</b>
<b>In 2011, we setup 4<sup>th</sup> fl donated interactive trains thanks to Earl Lewis &amp; other volunteers; installed 3<sup>rd</sup> floor handicapped bathrooms thanks to Community Foundation grant; created 1<sup>st</sup> floor Healthy Kids Hut thanks to Shaklee/Mary Cardinale; equipped 4<sup>th</sup> floor Theatre thanks to TW Connect a Million Minds grant; our ED was named one of 2011 YWCA Woman Leaders.</b>
<b>2012</b>
<b>In 2012, we installed a Wind Turbine on our roof; opened interactive Science Room &amp; Sustainable Energy exhibit; Co-recipient of Mayor's Gala; Presented Restoration Award by Landmark Society; Installed interactive Erie Canal exhibit on 2<sup>nd</sup> fl near Erie Canal exhibits.</b>
<b>2013-15</b>
<b>Plans to replace 2<sup>nd</sup> fl carpets; Plans underway to build a STEM Center w/Planetarium in new building to be constructed on museum property in back of our current museum; and convert the deck adjoining our building into a butterfly garden/eco-pond, -continuing go green efforts.</b>

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