

New sidewalk unveiled at Children's Museum

UTICA — July 25, 2008 - Organizers of the Children's Museum unveiled the museum's new Commemorative Brick Sidewalk Friday morning. "This is something we've wanted to do for a long time," Children's Museum Executive Director Marlene Brown said. Bricks have the names of people engraved in them and are placed in the front sidewalk of the museum. Individuals also can purchase a brick and dedicate it to someone.

The project was one of several that were the result of two grants from the office of state Senator Joseph Griffo, R-Rome. The money helped for the sidewalk and also was used toward wiring and roof work., Brown said. "They work so hard here," said Griffo, who attended Friday's event. "We're fortunate that we live in a community where we have so many parts of the community that contribute to the quality of life. This is a vital part of the community." So far there are around 38 bricks, Brown said.. If anyone is interested in purchasing a commemorative brick for \$75., call 724-6129 or visit www.museum4kids.net.



Children's Museum Executive Director Marlene Brown speaks to a crowd during the unveiling of the museum's new Commemorative Brick Sidewalk on Friday July 25, 2008 at the Children's Museum, 311 Main Street in Utica. *Photos by Angelica Morrison.*



Vintage-looking sign in front of the Children's Museum, 311 Main Street, Utica stood next to the Commemorative Brick Sidewalk in front of the building. *Photo by Angelica Morrison.* The ribbon cutting took place with NYS Senator Joseph Griffo, Executive Director Marlene Brown, and her grandson, Samuel Butcher. *Photo by Earl Lewis*