

# Ground breaking held for Children's Museum

The Children's Museum of Green Bay recently held a groundbreaking ceremony on the site of the old H.C. Prange building in downtown Green Bay.

The new children's museum will begin construction later this summer and be open by Spring of 2011.

The 15,000-square-foot children's museum expects more than 120,000 visitors each year. Exhibit galleries will include The Mighty Oak, Digestive System, Pillars of Wealth Bank, Fifty's Diner, Grocery Store, Garage, Reading Nook, Fire Truck and Station.

A Water Exhibit will include Great Lakes interactive wall, fishing boat and pier, authentic working light house, campground and sailboats filled with water.

The Imagination Station has a paint wall, potter wheel, kiln and beading areas.

Two party rooms will also be a part of the new museum.

The museum also will have a state of the art technology area with two touch-screen interactive walls.

A 2,500-square-foot traveling exhibit area will open with "Mini Camp," an interactive play area donated by the Green Bay Packers.

Donors for the museum include George Kress Foundation, Schneider National, Bellin Health, KI, Schreiber Foods, KC Stock Foundation, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, The Selmer Co., Billy Kress, Associated Bank, Joseph and Sara Vandriss Charitable Trust, Byron Walter Foundation, Proctor and Gamble, Festival Foods, Green Bay Press Gazette, Jack and Inky Meng, Shopko, United Healthcare, Bellin Health, Merrill Lynch, Betty Rose Meyer, Jacque and John Kress, Emil and Gayle Fischer, Bay Industries, Phil and Betsy Hendricks, Randy and Debbie Rose, Gary Ziegelbauer, Pomp Tires, Carl, Kuehne, Leo Crowley, Mike and Libby Riordan and Wells Fargo.

The museum is still in the midst of its \$4.5 million dollar fund-raising campaign. So far, \$2.6 million has been raised.

Ganther Construction will be general contractor for the museum.