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Cafaro Foundation Endows Children's Center

It is a place with a fanciful name, but a vital mission. It is the OH WOW! Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology Center in Youngstown, Ohio. Today, the Cafaro Foundation donated \$100,000 to the center's "Science Makes Cents" Capital Campaign. This will be used to help create a new home for the center, which was formerly known as the Children's Museum of the Valley. The center's Aviation WOW! Zone and Video Browser exhibit will be named in honor of the Cafaro family.

Campaign Chairman Bruce Sherman thanked the Cafaro family, saying "We are proud to call them our neighbors, and appreciate the Foundation's significant investment!" With the help of today's donation, the governing board of the Children's Center hopes to renovate the historic McCrory's Building on West Federal Street near Central Square, opening for business in late 2010. The 16,000 square foot facility will provide interactive experiences that are both educational and entertaining, for up to 30,000 visitors a year.

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The Cafaro Foundation is a charitable entity established by the Cafaro family in loving memory of William M. Cafaro, the founder of the real estate development and management company that bears his name in Youngstown, Ohio. For over a half century, Mr. Cafaro, along with his wife Alyce and brother John A. Cafaro, enthusiastically supported churches, schools, hospitals and other charitable causes. Since its inception in 1996, the Cafaro Foundation has awarded over \$5 million in grants to worthy organizations and individuals. The Youngstown-based Cafaro Company is one of America's largest privately-held real estate development firms, managing more than 30-million square feet of property in 11 states.

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