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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

FACT SHEET

Since 1971, the Community Services Division of the Children's Museum has aided more than 100 neighborhood houses, community centers, multi-service agencies, day care centers, Headstarts, youth clubs and community schools to:

- . develop materials and activities for learning in the visual arts, crafts, music and physical science, language and mathematics
- . train leaders of arts, science and early childhood programs
- . acquire and supervise student interns through college work-study programs and the U. Mass. Boston University Year for ACTION
- . design and adapt space for educational and arts uses
- . run summer arts and science programs
- . obtain program assistance from other cultural institutions in metropolitan Boston.

Additionally, the Community Services staff has operated two art, craft, and science vans for the Summerthing program of the Boston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs; developed materials and trained staff for two Cambridge Community Schools mobile summer science programs; conducted natural history field trips for community groups for the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations; and directed a federally-funded program concerned with children's ability to use public transportation to reach places for learning and recreation.

In 1971, the Community Services Division comprised two staff members and a budget of \$25,000. Presently, the staff numbers 10 artists, crafts people, musicians, scientists, early childhood specialists, and an architect/designer. The annual operating budget has stabilized after three growth years at approximately \$100,000. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded the Community Services Division three consecutive challenge grants totaling \$115,000. The Division has been the subject of a national study by the Council on Museums and Education in the Visual Arts.

