



Annual Children's Photography Show



Duke Energy Children's Museum
Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal

“What makes your neighborhood beautiful?”

The Duke Energy Children's Museum at Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal is proud to exhibit these photographs, all taken by children who were asked the question, “What makes your neighborhood beautiful?”

The Goal:

This Photography Show aims to bring art education to our visitors; raises community awareness and appreciation; and introduces children to an important abolitionist from Cincinnati's history.

The Project:

Staff from the children's museum and history museum visit fourth and fifth grade classes at two Cincinnati inner-city schools located in low-income, “unsafe” neighborhoods. The students receive a lesson from children's museum staff about the importance of photography, different types of photography, and how to take an effective photograph. The history museum staff person is a first-person interpreter of the 19th century abolitionist and daguerreotype photographer J.P. Ball. He talks about the infancy of photography and what it was like to be an African-American businessman in 1860's Cincinnati.

The Theme:

As these neighborhoods are considered “rundown” and “unsafe,” the students have the opportunity to present the hidden beauty of the neighborhoods through their photographs.



Students at Work:

Each student is given a disposable camera and has several days to take photographs.

Museum Staff at Work:

Children's Museum staff collect the cameras and develop the photographs. Two photos from each student are chosen, enlarged to 8x10, and matted. These photos are displayed in the lobby of the Duke Energy Children's Museum.

The Finale:

The photographs that were in the show, as well as the other photographs taken by the students are returned. A reception is held for the students and their families.

The Budget: (total changes based on number of participants; below is for 60 students)

- \$300-cameras
- \$420-photo developing
- \$210-photo enlarging
- \$360-matting
- \$170-signage
- \$50-certificates
- \$100-reception
- Total: \$1,610



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