

CowParade® Coming to Harrisburg in 2004

Governor Ed Rendell with a cow statue taken in front of the Whitaker Center this year.



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CowParade® is a public art exhibition where the canvas is a life-sized 3-dimensional cow!

Whitaker Center is the first institution outside of a major metropolitan area accepted as a licensee of CowParade® Holdings Corporation. The successes in other cities – including New York, Chicago, London and Sydney – demonstrate the great positive potential such an event can hold for Central Pennsylvania.

The cows are life-sized fiberglass canvases designed and created by local artists

for the public to view and enjoy. The artists, who applied and submitted designs through the summer, are challenged to interpret the cow as an object of art using local cultural and historical influences as inspiration and a sense of humor as a muse. One of the many benefits of this fundraiser is that local artists gain valuable visibility and are paid for their work.

Whitaker Center hopes to sponsor more than 100 cows, which will begin to appear in spring 2004 adorning streets, parks, Capitol Hill grounds and prominent buildings throughout Harrisburg and vicinity. At

the conclusion of the event in June, the cows will be “herded” and “mooved” to a location for a gala and auction benefiting Whitaker Center and other local charities.

For more information about our bovine bonanza, contact Ellen Brown at 717-221-8201 extension 2518 or email ebrown@whitakercenter.org. ●



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Thanks Dauphin County!

Dauphin County Commissioners presented President and CEO Byron G. Quann with a Proclamation and contribution check for \$100,000 at a recent Commissioners’ meeting. Noting that Whitaker Center has distinguished itself as a top-notch cultural center, an educational hot spot for families, and the field trip destination of choice for thousands of county school students, the Proclamation provides \$100,000 in annual support from the county’s hotel tax.

“Dauphin County is pleased to provide this operational support, which, in turn, fuels ongoing economic development, cultural diversity and tourism,” said Chairman Jeffrey T. Haste. “This is exactly the kind of continuing investment that Whitaker Center needs to assure that our programs and performances stay affordable. We are grateful to have County Commissioners who understand this need and support it,” noted Quann. ●



(L) Director of Dauphin County Office of Economic Development Dan Robinson, Vice Chairman Lowman S. Henry, Whitaker Center President and CEO Byron G. Quann, Chairman Jeffrey T. Haste, Secretary Anthony M. Petrucci, in Chambers at a recent Dauphin County Commissioners meeting.



Cow Doodle



A Starry Night Cow