

Karen Willis Blackway

Karen Willis Blackway has been with the Children's Museum since its humble (but GREAT) beginnings as a "Summer's ONLY" museum at the Caldwell Consistory. Her mother, Agnes Willis, and her created/set up many interactive displays throughout the years.

On M-F for 32.94 years, Karen could be found in a public-school classroom. During the weekends/holidays, she was on the slopes teaching skiing to 4 yr. olds through adults of all exceptionalities. As a PSIA certified instructor/former Ski Patrol member, Karen also was the ski school manager and later co-director. Many diverse opportunities crossed her path--she taught Middle School Band Front (flags, rifles, baton, and honor guard) for 25+ years; was the school newspaper, yearbook, and ski club advisor; designed/implemented Summer career-orientated camps for high school students; and was a Flower Show chairman for 25+ years.

Karen's competitive/creative natures led her to amass 800+awards for entries in local fairs/contests. Throughout her life, she has been an advocate for many, especially animals and the challenged. A life member of the PTA, PA Farm Show, and the Northumberland County Historical Society, she supports the "keepers of the past" while forever seeking new adventures. If you too are looking for adventure, please visit the Children's Museum..."Adventure Awaits"!!!