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"Party Animal" On Display At Center for Association Leadership

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One of the Party Animal sculptures sponsored by the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives (GWSAE) has found a new home at GWSAE's Center for Association Leadership. GWSAE and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW) successfully bid on the two "Party Animal" sculptures that both organizations sponsored as part of the citywide community art campaign in Washington, D.C. The donkey was delivered to the Center for Association Leadership on November 13. The elephant will be located at the Eastern Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. According to Al Rickard, a spokesperson for GWSAE, the association paid about \$3,000 for the sculpture, the moving costs, and a plaque that will hang beside the animal in the center.

"We were able to do this by asking members to pledge \$75," Jane Schultz, vice

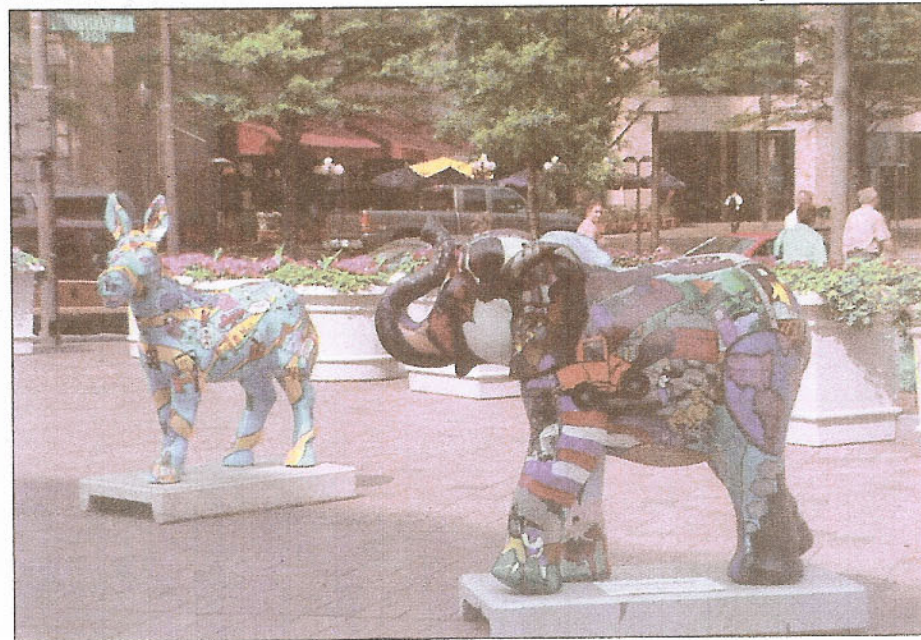
president of External Relations & Member Services for GWSAE said.

According to Rickard members who pledged \$75 received a \$75 certificate towards any Center program or seminar. Donors will be recognized on the plaque that will be displayed with the sculpture.

Rickard said GWSAE received \$4,425 in pledges. He said the remaining money not spent on the party animal will be placed in the BPAC Scholarship Fund for Members in Transition.

The sculptures, which were painted by children from the Eastern Branch of BGCGW, illustrated a variety of careers represented by associations. They were originally displayed outside the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

Rickard said GWSAE was happy the program brought attention to the industry. "We got some really positive attention," he said. "It really got the word out about associations and why they're important to this area."



GWSAE and BGCGW bid on their two Party Animals shown here. The Donkey will be housed at the Center for Association Leadership and the elephant will be housed at the Eastern Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington.