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## **Hampton History Museum Hosts ‘Build the City’ Family Event at the Hampton Roads Convention Center January 19**

**Hampton, VA-** Children will become architects and engineers as the Hampton History Museum hosts the 5th Annual “Build the City” event on Saturday, January 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

This family friendly event will allow children and adults to show off their crafting skills to construct a large-scale model of Hampton, using boxes other recyclables, construction paper, chalk, and paint.

Volunteers and staff are on-hand to teach the “building blocks” of architecture and those influences that shaped the landscape as well as the science and engineering behind building the city’s structures. Photos of contemporary and historic building will serve as inspiration.

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“As someone who loves history and architecture, this is one of my favorite events. Adults enjoy it just as much as kids. I’ve seen several generations of families, as well as people who’ve just met, collaborate on a building. They can get pretty elaborate. Building the Hampton Coliseum, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Air & Space Center or Hampton Carousel requires some ingenuity. The results are amazing,” says Hampton History Museum executive director Luci Cochran.

In addition fashioning familiar landmarks from cardboard, thousands of LEGOs will be on hand to create buildings and other structures in a dedicated area.

The Hampton Roads Convention Center is located at 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit [www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org](http://www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org).

### **Museum seeks additional volunteers and boxes for “Build the City”**

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help set up the event with stations for the building materials, paint, paper, as well as scissors and box cutters. During the event duties include assisting with materials: pouring paint into containers; distributing and cleaning paintbrushes; helping with cutting materials for children, and ensuring that the area is kept as orderly as possible. After the event is finished volunteers can help gather and clean supplies, and load the used materials into trucks for recycling. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Jasmine Downes at 757-727-6822, or [jasmaine.downes@hampton.gov](mailto:jasmaine.downes@hampton.gov).

#### **Boxes and Recyclables Needed**

Museum staff is still collecting boxes and other recyclables for “Build the City.” All sizes of boxes are welcome, along with other materials such as cardboard tubes.

The public is asked to bring gently used, clean materials museum at 120 Old Hampton Lane, Downtown Hampton and leave them under the covered portico, or to Air Power Park, 413 W Mercury Blvd, Hampton (8:30 am-4:30 pm).

For more information, or to recommend a source for boxes and recyclables, please call 757-727-1102.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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