



**GALVESTON
RAILROAD MUSEUM**

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Galveston Railroad Museum Receives Rotary Grant

GALVESTON, TX – The Galveston Railroad Museum was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Galveston to support educational outreach for autistic students. Located at 2602 Santa Fe Place, the museum is open daily 10 am – 5 pm.

The Rotary grant will enable the museum to adapt curriculum guides for special needs students.

In partnership with Galveston Independent School District, Special Initiatives, Powerful Learning Innovator, the museum developed railroad technology curriculum guides for grades elementary through middle school to provide meaningful and immersive educational experiences.

The museum currently offers sensory tours for autism groups who have a unique interest in trains. Trains have wheels that appeal to sensory interests in autism. The Polar Express Train Ride offers dedicated rides November 17, 6:15 pm, and December 12, 5:30 pm, specifically for special needs visitors thanks to support from the Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust, Barbara and Dominick Sasser, Don Harper, and Duke Ensell.

The educational curriculum focuses on learning train schedules, track numbers, the different types of trains, engine size and capacity, and other information that appeals to autistic individuals' growth and development.

The curriculum guides are available free of charge to all who request them. In addition, an Education Docent for field trips will be provided upon request. Those interested in scheduling a museum tour or sensory specific ride on The Polar Express Train Ride should call (409) 765-5700.

For additional information go to www.galvestonRRmuseum.org.

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