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History Center Announces Donation of Historical Objects from Macy's/Kaufmann's

-The popular downtown department store donated more than 100 objects to the museum-

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 22, 2015 – The Senator John Heinz History Center today joined City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto and representatives from Macy's to reveal objects that the iconic downtown department store recently donated to the museum.

Macy's donated more than 100 historical objects to the History Center, including artifacts from Macy's and Kaufmann's holiday displays, items from the Tic Toc restaurant and Arcade Bakery, and much more.

Highlights include:

- Objects from Macy's and Kaufmann's holiday displays, including the red velvet chair and mailbox from Macy's SantaLand, large Christmas ornaments, and holiday elf and reindeer costumes.
- Items from Tic Toc restaurant and Arcade Bakery, including menus, signs, tables, chairs, and display clocks.
- A Kaufmann's bronze exterior plaque and a plaque commemorating the department store's 75th anniversary.
- Items from Kaufmann's salons, including a beauty salon chair, hair dryer, and neon sign.
- An Art Deco water fountain created by local architect Benno Janssen in the 1930s.
- Two large Indonesian display lions that formerly greeted visitors at Kaufmann's rug department.

Once the items are processed and cataloged, highlights from the collection will be displayed at the History Center.

Beginning on Nov. 20, prior to Downtown Pittsburgh's Light Up Night festivities, and running throughout the holiday season, the History Center will showcase a special holiday window display with select Kaufmann's and Macy's items in the museum's fourth floor Special Collections Gallery.

The Kaufmann's bronze exterior plaque will be displayed in the History Center's first floor Great Hall in the coming months. Additional items will be featured in the museum's new Visible Storage exhibition in the Sigo Falk Collections Center, which is set to open in early 2016, as well as other exhibit areas within the museum.

In addition to the recently donated objects, the History Center also received a collection of historic Kaufmann's photos and archival documents that complement the existing collection inside the museum's Detre Library & Archives.

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The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



Senator John Heinz History Center President and CEO Andy Masich, City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, and Joe Hladiuk, store manager at Macy's Mall at Robinson, helped curators unveil more than 100 historical objects donated to the History Center from Macy's, including artifacts from the store's popular holiday displays, objects from the Tic Toc restaurant and Arcade Bakery, and many more.

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