



Time running out to save Va. Living Museum

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NEWPORT NEWS -- Time is running out to save the Virginia Living Museum.

The Newport News museum has until the end of the year to raise \$3 million. If they do, an anonymous donor will give the living museum a \$6 million gift.

The museum is just \$50,000 away from its goal.

A recent expansion has made the Virginia Living Museum bigger and better than ever. It quadrupled in size, giving more to see, admire and touch.

But, there's also a bank note to pay off for this crown jewel of Newport News.

"Everybody understands in this economy how important it is to eliminate debt, and with the Virginia Living Museum eliminating its debt, we can be here for generations to come," said Carolyn Cuthreal of the Virginia Living Museum.

Cuthreal said the anonymous donor has made many things possible.

"We were so fortunate to have the 2 to 1 match and I think that has helped people decide to give to us, because they know their money actually triples in value."

It was enough to convince Dr. John Horgan to come in and make a donation, and the fact that he brings his grandchildren to the museum at least four times a year. It's one of their favorite places to visit.

"The live animals, the fish, reptiles. They just enjoy it. They'll spend an hour, hour

and a half here looking at everything. When the exhibits change we generally come back and they go through the new exhibits. But they like the animals."