



Caroline County, VA



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### **30,000 VISITORS FOR CAROLINE COUNTY VISITOR CENTER**

(Ruther Glen, VA) – The Caroline County Visitor Center has reached another milestone by welcoming its 30,000<sup>th</sup> visitor on August 12. The DiFulvio family of Las Vegas, NV was the 30,000<sup>th</sup> visitor. A great celebration awaited the DiFulvios as tourism staff congratulated them with cupcakes and balloons for being the lucky visitors. They also received a gift bag full of County, Whale, and Secretariat souvenirs.

The DiFulvios were on the way to Washington, D.C. as part of their two-week vacation when they decided to stop at the visitor center for a rest stop. Mr. Carmine and Mrs. Heather DiFulvio were happily surprised at the 30,000<sup>th</sup> visitor announcement, while daughter Samantha, 11, and son Joshua, 7, were excited to be a part of the celebration. While at the visitor center, they got assistance from Travel Counselors Robyn Sieg and Jennifer Upshaw in planning their trip to D.C., picked up brochures and maps, and looked at the center's 28-foot long prehistoric whale Eobalaenoptera display and examined whale bones and a shark tooth.

This is the third milestone of 10,000 visitors for the Caroline County Visitor Center; the 20,000<sup>th</sup> visitor came in on December 14, 2010. The center opened on November 22, 2008 and is located on Rt. 207 off I-95 Exit 104. It is operated by the Caroline County Department of Economic Development & Tourism, and is open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Economic Development Director Gary Wilson and Travel Counselor Jennifer Upshaw pose with the DiFulvio family (from left, Joshua, Carmine, Heather, and Samantha).**



Many of the gift bag's contents that highlight Caroline County are available at the Caroline Crafters Gift Shop, such as an autographed copy of *Secretariat's Meadow*.