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## **Clifford the Big Red Dog Comes to Imagination Place**

GADSDEN, Alabama: Imagination Place Children's Museum at the Hardin Center has something big and red opening soon. Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog, a traveling interactive children's exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, February 9.

Inspired by the books and television show, the exhibit brings Clifford's home on Birdwell Island to life with playful activities and delightful environments, giving children and their caregivers a chance to explore Clifford's world first-hand. Visitors are greeted by a colossal Clifford, his bowl, and his doghouse. Other areas of the exhibit feature Birdwell Island's ferry, post office, library, Samuel's Fish and Chips House, T-Bone's Beach, Emily Elizabeth's Backyard Theater, Howard's House, and Cleo's Backyard.

During the adventure of the exhibit, children and adults will discover "Clifford's Big Ideas" — ten simple, tangible life lessons designed to help young children navigate their world: share, play fair, have respect, work together, be responsible, be truthful, be kind, believe in yourself, be a good friend, and help others.

"Clifford has been a favorite of several generations of children and we are delighted to bring this exhibit celebrating his positive attitude and imaginative nature to our audiences," said Hardin Center deputy director Tom Banks. "As an added benefit to our Hardin Center members, we're opening the exhibit early for members-only on February 7 and 8 before it opens to the public on February 9. Non-members may purchase a membership when they arrive and enjoy the preview days."

The Clifford exhibit will remain open through Memorial Day, May 27. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday and 1 pm to 5 pm on Sunday. All-day admission is \$8 per person, free for Hardin Center members, and free for children under 24 months. Admission includes all of Imagination Place and the Hardin Center's art exhibitions. Learn more at [culturalarts.org](http://culturalarts.org).

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