

Nice touch

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Mark Mueller adjusts a piece of his sculpture called "The Touch" today outside the YouZeum at 608 Cherry St. Local artist Tammy Atkins started the sculpture, and Mueller continued her work after she died in August 2006. The sculpture depicts a young girl with her hand on a doctor's heart. Atkins had finished only wax busts of the two subjects when she died. Her stepfather, retired doctor Ira Hubbell of Columbia, was the subject for the doctor, and 9-year-old Kelsey Knorr of Columbia was the model for the girl. The interactive museum, designed to promote a healthy and active lifestyle, is scheduled to open May 1.