



## Ann Doyle President/CEO

*"You will never have this day with your children again. Tomorrow, they will be a little older than they were today. This day is a gift." ~ unknown*



Welcome to August! Wait, what? August? Really? What happened to June and July, and all the plans that we made? Now, school is about to start, and sports are already starting. Vacations are pretty much done. Summer camps are almost done.

Do you feel like summer just slipped away? Did you have plans for projects and perhaps family adventures? Did you make it to Mid-Michigan Children's Museum? We hope you did.

We have not completed our planned summer projects. An unfinished project is repairing walls and repainting them in the lobby area and down the hall to the galleries. This is a time-intensive project that we (admin) are doing in between our normal work. We welcome experienced painters and experienced Krack Kote users. Mondays tend to be the best day to work on the walls, but any day of the week can be accommodated. If you are experienced and want to help, please reach out to us. We are thankful for the many talented people who help us with our everyday maintenance responsibilities.

Going back to the quote above. It is so true that our children grow up in a blink of an eye. When my boys moved out (within 2 weeks of each other), I was so sad and felt empty. They were gone and the dog went too (Raine). The house was empty and I felt lost. I missed them tremendously!

Then, one day a gift from above came and her name is Kylie. Then came Isaac and Marlee. My heart is full again and the house has the sounds of giggles again. They are growing fast, and soon will not want to spend weekends with us, BUT I know where to find them! Their hugs are a must around me and the hugs fill me up.

Here is my "big" Kid at Heart while outside watching our lovable Huskie, Storm (not in picture).

*Linn Doyle*



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**AT THE MID-MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**  
315 W. Genessee, Saginaw, MI 48602

**Monday August 05, 2024**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Monday August 26, 2024**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Classes are limited! Go to [Valleycpr.org](https://valleycpr.org) to sign up and secure your spot!**

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Monday, August 5th

Monday, August 26th

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## **Summer Theme Weeks are still going strong!**

Each week, we will have a new theme. Come dressed up according to the week's theme and each person participating will get \$1 off their regular admission. Have fun, be creative, and save! Check out the schedule below!



# **Dress up, Cost down Theme Week Schedule**

**Theme weeks - Dress up according to our themes!**

**Each participant will earn \$1 off regular admission!**

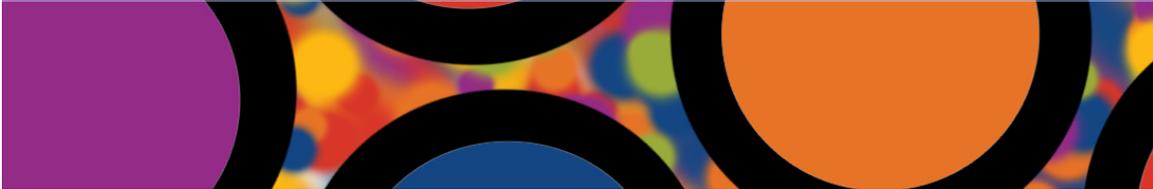
**July 28-Aug 3      Artist**

**August 4-10      Super Hero**

**August 11-17      Old Western**

**August 18-24      Mismatched Clothes**

**August 25-31      School Spirit**



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## Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



The museum is closed every Monday, but the staff is still hard at work. With the help of Do All and SVRC volunteers, the museum galleries are prepared for families to visit and enjoy every day we're open.

On Mondays, the toys are taken out of the galleries, washed, sanitized, and then returned to each gallery once dry. While the toys are drying, all gallery surfaces are cleaned.

Supplies for Scrap Studio are restocked and ready for the rest of the week. Paint cups for Art Mart are refilled and old paint brushes are replaced.

In the "Water, Water Everywhere!" gallery, the water table is scrubbed, and the water tank is drained, cleaned, and filled with fresh water.

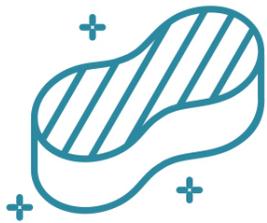
Each gallery is also checked for any repairs that need to be done before the museum reopens on Tuesday.

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## Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

August is here and that means that summer camp is coming to a close. We have one more camp August 6th-8th. If your child likes to design and build, then the Engineers Assemble camp is the right fit. Sign up with the button below, or email me at [playeducator@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:playeducator@michildrensmuseum.org) for more information.

Here is a quick gallery update for you as well. We have a super fun new exhibit coming very soon. We have partnered with Nexteer to bring this new exhibit here and it will be added in the Car Works Gallery. This addition has been a long time coming and we are so excited that it is almost here. We also have something new coming to our Try It Gallery. Kids will be able to interact with art in a new and creative way. If you haven't yet, check out our new signage in the cardiology exhibit in the Insides Out Gallery. You might be surprised about what you read.

Hope to see you soon!



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**Click below to register for a field trip!**

**Click below for summer camps!**

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## Summer Camps



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## Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



MMCM's biggest community special event of the year, Touch-A-Truck, is returning on Saturday, September 14th. Outdoor activities from 10 A.M.- 3 p.m. are free to the public. Admission to the museum from 10 A.M.- 5 P.M. has been discounted to \$3 per person. This is a great volunteer opportunity for individual adults, high schoolers, college students, or any service groups. Volunteers contribute to the success of this event year after year.

The age requirements are 14 years old or older, or in 9th grade. New volunteers must submit an application and background check to volunteer on our website. If you are a current or returning volunteer, you do not need to submit a new application. Send me an email with your name and preferred shift time and I will add you to the volunteer schedule.

Individuals apply here: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteer-form/>

Groups apply here: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteer-group-form/>

Volunteers are needed to fill these shift times and some of these assigned tasks.

Shift 1: 7:30am – 9:30am

Barricade Monitor (Letting in only presenting vehicles and staff

members)

Shift 2: 9:15am – 12:30pm

Assisting in set-up & completing another task listed below

Shift 3: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Completing one of the tasks listed below

Shift 4: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Assisting in clean-up

Shift 5: 9:15am – 5:15pm

Assisting in set-up, completing another task listed below, & assisting in clean-up

Shift 6: 7:30am – 5:15pm

Barricade Monitor, assisting in set-up, completing another task listed below, & assisting in clean-up.

These tasks include, but are not limited to:

Assisting in directing vehicles to park

Monitoring a craft or activity like making vests, making school bus crackers, playing bean bag toss, or other crafts

Picking up in the galleries

Handing out food and drink to volunteers and presenters or assisting in the sale of lunch items to guests (handing the items, but not handling cash)

Face Painting

Handing out goodie bags

Monitoring the bounce house

Assisting in putting wristbands on guests entering the museum or the bounce house

Monitoring a vehicle or table while the presenter takes a break

Monitoring the barricades so only presenting vehicles and select staff and volunteers are entering and exiting the parking lot

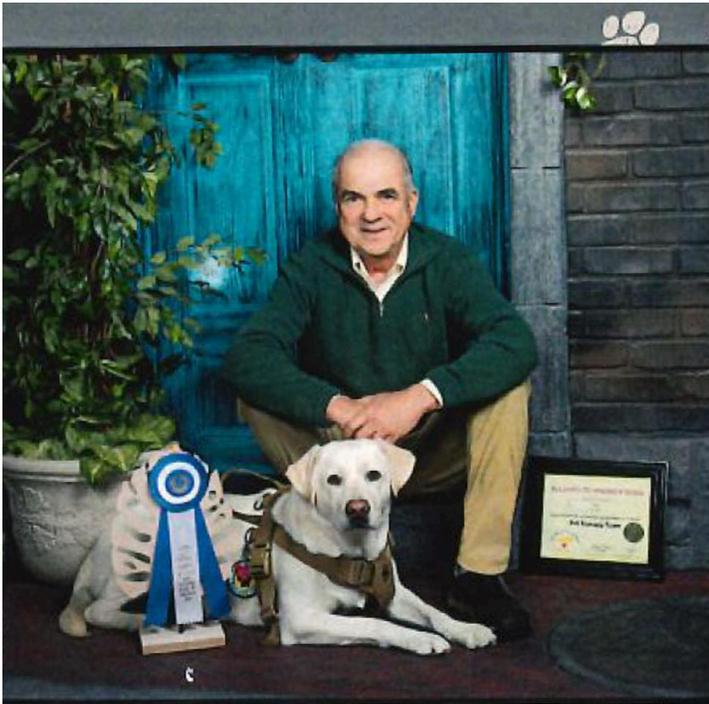
For more information or if you have any questions, please contact me at 989-399-6626 or [volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org).

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## **Volunteer(s) of the Month**

**Ron Helmer & Tucker**





## Meet Tucker! A Certified Therapy Dog from Michigan.

Therapy dogs are special dogs that go with their owners to help people in places like schools, libraries, hospitals, and nursing homes.

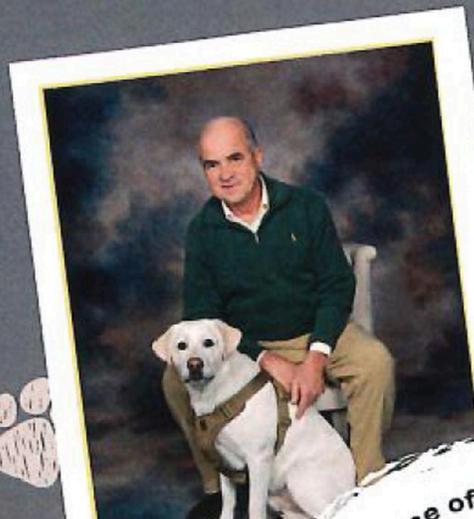
They work as a team to make a positive difference in the lives of others, whether it's helping a child learn to read or visiting a someone in assisted living.

If you would like to learn more, contact  
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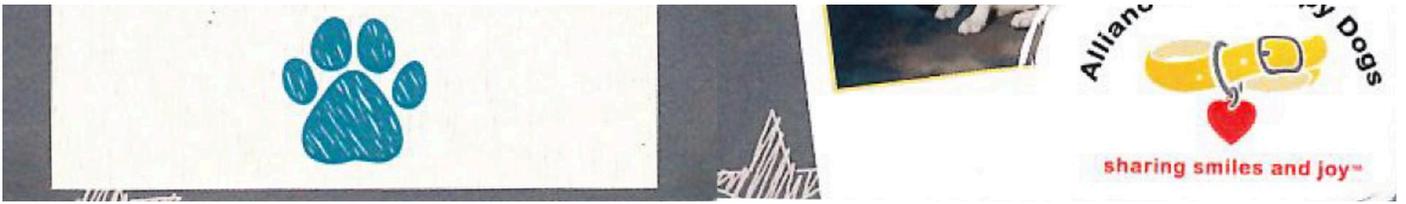


# Tucker

*Certified  
Therapy Dog*



of Therap.



Ron is a cherished individual who started his volunteering journey in 2016. He has many talents that help with maintaining our galleries to keep the exhibits working well and safe for families and visiting guests. Ron and his best friend Tucker visit the MMCM, bringing smiles to everyone's faces. Tucker is a certified therapy Dog through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and is 3 years old. Ron has had Tucker since he was 13 weeks old.

Ron is a retired elementary educator from Saginaw Township schools. He is also a fabricator and enjoys racing cars. He likes to volunteer and spend time with kids, bringing joy to people. Ron is adept at spotting and making repairs in the museum, which helps to make the galleries safer and more enjoyable for families.

Tucker and Ron are a dream team, putting smiles on the faces of many. The amount of affection Tucker has for everyone is amazing. Ron says bringing Tucker to the MMCM helps acclimate Tucker to noises and diverse groups of people, which assists Tucker with his therapy dog training.

Thank you, Ron and Tucker, for all your time and support of MMCM!

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## Summer Camps



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## Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Don't miss out on our Saturday Scrap Studio Kits! Each Saturday, we will have a new craft in our Scrap Studio to complete. These craft kits can be made at the museum in our Scrap Studio, or taken home to be done later. Scrap Studio Kits are included in admission into the museum.

- August 3rd – Egg Carton Bird Feeders
- August 17th – Busy Bee Headbands
- August 24th – Paper Pinwheels
- August 31st – Pet Rocks

FITS – It's almost time to bring some of the outdoor fun indoors! Join us Saturday, August 10th from 10:00am until 4:00pm for our Fun in the Sun day. Kids will get to have fun in our 12 air-conditioned galleries while crafting all of the essential gear they need for one final camp-out for the summer. Toilet paper tube binoculars, tissue paper lanterns, and paper bag camping vests are just a few of the fantastic crafts kids will be able to make and take home. Don't forget to learn your "Ranger" name and watch out for bigfoot in the galleries!

Our annual Touch-A-Truck event is almost here! We want your organization's semi-truck, heavy construction equipment, emergency vehicle, or any other vehicle that children may find interesting and exciting! It's not too late to join the event by presenting a vehicle or joining as a sponsor. For more information, reach out to [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org). Our annual Touch-A-Truck event will allow children to experience vehicles from the driver's seat in MMCM's parking lot. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and monthly newsletters for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's Touch-A-Truck event!



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## Touch-A-Truck September 14th, 10 AM - 3 PM



**Touch-A-Truck is our biggest event of the year, but we can't do it without your help! Whether that help is through sponsorships, presenting a truck, or even volunteering, we need you! Click the buttons below to Sponsor, Present a truck, or both!**

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# Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Family Reunions

Did you know that MMCM is not only a great place for your child's birthday party, but also an ideal location for your family reunion? We have four spacious rooms and a large, beautiful outdoor pavilion available, providing ample space for most families. It's a perfect setting for children to play and learn while adults catch up on family matters. Additionally, adults can also engage in fun and educational activities with the children.



## Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



🎵 Hello \*|FIRST\_NAME|\*, Nice to see you, It's been a looong tiiiiime.... 🎵 well it hasn't been that long I guess. Time is funny, I always think back to when I was a kid and how things like summer, and Christmas vacations always felt so long. Summer vacation might as well have been a whole year. Christmas vacation always felt like months.

Now, if I have a weekend off it's like "Ok I have to mow the lawn, sweep and mop the house, and do the dishes", and by the time I get my chores done, it's back to work already! Time can be funny like that. Even now, some days, and projects, feel like they take a considerable amount of time, while most others are over in the blink of an eye. I don't have to tell you the speedy days are always the ones during which you're having the most fun! There never seems to be quite enough time when it comes to having fun, a sentiment I know is shared by every child leaving the museum.

In the timeless words of Conway Twitty, "May each step you take bring you closer to the thing you seek to find." For us at the museum, that thing is becoming the best place for children to play and learn in the Great Lakes Bay Region. For us, this means safety, inclusivity, educational programs, friendliness, happiness, playfulness, and growth. It means trying our best to be accessible to everyone and maximizing play space for those with limited mobility.

Our building is fully accessible for individuals using wheelchairs and other mobility aids such as walkers, crutches, and mobility scooters. The only exception is the loft in the barn, which currently requires the use of stairs. We are currently exploring ways to further enhance the space to better accommodate individuals with other impairments as well. We have some ideas for the future that may be helpful!

As always, Thanks for making it to the end!



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