



Ann Doyle President/CEO

It only takes a moment to say thank you – but your thoughtfulness will be remembered a long time.

As I sit and reflect on 2024, I am amazed and grateful for all who made a difference in the lives of the many children visiting the museum.

Volunteers: Without the many volunteers, our jobs at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum would be nearly impossible with 6 full-time and 1 part-time staff. Everyone who gave their time and talents is appreciated more than they will ever know. Talented individuals painted faces, made wood toys, repaired galleries, juggled, played/taught music, taught extension lessons, made pretzels, and so much more. Donated time by individuals and groups included helping with special community events, cleaning, preparing special projects, monitoring the galleries, and the list goes on and on. *Thank you!*

Donors: Individuals, companies, foundations, and organizations gave to the museum to replace the roof and HVAC system, meet new codes regarding the backflow pipe, cover the admission cost of field trips and community events, replace a 'really' big window this month, repair galleries and help to build new gallery components (like the Cadillac), provide office supplies and Art Mart/Scrap Studio supplies, donated gloves, hats, socks and gently used winter coats for children, fundraising items, and more for the annual Kids at Heart event. This is just a glimpse into the generosity of our community. *Thank you!*

Committee and Board Members: This group of people are dedicated to the museum and they show it with their time and talents. They are the BEST group of people that I have had the privilege of working with. There is a wide range of expertise among them and that makes my job easier.



They always have a smile and are willing to help whenever and however needed. *Thank you!*

MMCM Team: The team may not be big in numbers, but each, and every one, has the biggest heart and great love for the museum. They are the faces the guests see when they visit. They are the backbone of the museum. They keep the facility clean and they put together all the programs. They are cross-trained and they work well together. Putting smiles on the faces of the guests is their goal. *Thank you!*

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GIVING TUESDAY

December 3rd, 2024 is Giving Tuesday! Consider giving.

Give Here

Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



When the weather this winter becomes too cold to play outside, the museum is a great place to visit.

Children can use their imagination while playing in any of the galleries or creating artwork or a craft to take home with them. Adults may want to do the same.

If you're visiting often, a museum membership may save your family money. Membership information can be found at:

<https://michildrensmuseum.org/membership/>

For gift certificates click here:

<https://michildrensmuseum.org/gift-certificates/>

You may also call the museum directly for more information.

Holiday Hooray!



Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! I'm excited for this month because we will be taking our gift shop, The Tinkery, on the road to some local businesses. What better way to do Christmas shopping than to bring the shopping to you? If your business would like us to bring the Tinkery to you, you can email me at playeducator@michildrensmuseum.org.



This is our last month before 2025 which means we have one more month of Toddler Time on three different days of the week. If you have kids between 2-5 years old and have a date and time preference to do our age-specific crafts and activities, please let me know so we can pick the best time in 2025.

Don't forget, MMCM is the perfect place to have a classroom holiday party or end of year party before break begins. Go online to <https://michildrensmuseum.org/room-rentals/> for more information or call 989-399-6626 to book!

Click below to register for a field trip!

Field Trips



**TODDLER
TIME**

Ages 2-5 Welcome

**Join us for crafts and activities geared
toward toddlers!**

Tuesdays at 10:30am and 12:30pm
Wednesdays at 1pm
Thursdays at 10:30am.

NYE Countdown Blast



Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Come celebrate the winter holidays with us at MMCM by volunteering at one of our upcoming events in December. Holiday Hooray is Saturday, December 7th and New Year's Eve Countdown Blast is Tuesday, December 31st. Volunteers play a crucial role in a successful event.

Holiday Hooray Volunteer Shifts Available

Saturday, December 7, 2024

There are 3 shifts available:

Shift 1: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm

Shift 2: 1:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Shift 3: 9:45 am – 5:15 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Experienced Santa with own costume

Entry level to experienced Face Painters

Assisting kids with crafts

Assisting kids with indoor games

Take down tables and sanitize tables and chairs

Assist guests and maintain a clean and safe play space in one or more museum galleries

New Year's Eve Countdown Blast Volunteer Shifts Available

Monday, December 30, 2024 (Setup)

There is 1 shift available:

2:30pm-4pm

3 volunteers needed for event set up

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Moving tables & chairs

Assist with gallery organizing

Set-up craft and game stations

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 (Event)

There are 3 shifts available:

Shift 1: 9:45 am – 12:30 pm

Shift 2: 12:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Shift 3: 9:45 am – 4:15 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Entry level to experienced Face Painters needed
- To wear MMCM's Mascot costumes, Pal and Gal
- Assisting kids with crafts such as wishing wands and party hats
- Assisting kids with indoor games such as Snowball toss and penguin bowling
- Take down tables and sanitize tables and chairs
- Cleaning up craft and game stations using provided written instructions
- Assist guests and maintaining a clean and safe play space in one or more museum galleries

Volunteer requirements are at least age 14 years old or in 9th grade.

New volunteers must submit an application and background check on our website.

If you are a current or returning volunteer, you do not need to submit a new application. Send me an email volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org with your name and preferred shift time.

For more information contact me by email or phone 989-399-6626.

To sign up click the buttons below.

Volunteer Applications:

Individuals Apply Here

Groups Apply Here

Talent Needed!



Do you have a family friendly, fantastic, talent? Do you want to be a star?

Would you donate your time to put a smile on kids' faces?

Then you might be what we're looking for!

We regularly have special events we need talent for! Talent like: **Jugglers, balloon artists, entry level to experienced face painters, singers, dancers, and others!**

Apply here: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/rfp/>

Or Scan Here:



Or Click Here!

Pirates and Princesses



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.

- December 14th – Paper Plate Hot Chocolate
- December 21st – Winter Hats
- December 28th – Felt Snowmen

Holiday Hooray!

The holidays are kicking off early this year! Join the MMCM elves on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in cookie decorating,



snowball toss, and learn your elf name while getting ready for this holiday season!

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Wildfire Credit Union, admission will be free for the whole day! Don't miss Santa stopping by from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on his way back to the North Pole!

NYE Countdown Blast!

Ring in the New Year a little early with us! MMCM's annual New Year's Eve Countdown Blast will be taking place Tuesday, December 31st from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm!

We'll be jamming out the day with music and counting down the hour every hour. Don't miss out on toilet paper tube fireworks, wishing wands, party hats, and other winter-themed crafts and activities around our galleries during the day!

Admission this day will be reduced to \$3 per person ages 2 years and older.

Holiday Hooray! Saturday, December 7th, 2024

FREE ADMISSION!

HOLIDAY HOORAY!



Saturday December 7th, 10AM-4PM

Join us at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum for a fun, festive day full of holiday themed activities.

Best of all admission is **FREE**, thanks to Wildfire Credit Union!

We will be having some extra activities that day: Letters to Santa/Holiday Greetings, Penguin Bowling, Paper Tube Snowmen, Face Painting, and MORE!

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NYE Countdown Blast Tuesday, December 31, 2024

NYE Countdown BLAST!

**Tuesday, December 31st,
10AM-4PM**

**Help us ring in the
New Year in style,
with fun New Year
themed crafts and
activities!**

315 W. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI

Where in the World



Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hey *|FIRST_NAME|*,

It's happening all over again. It's snowing while I type this. I swear, this time I didn't ask for it!

It's December, you know what that means! A month named after a Latin word for 10, even though it's the 12th month. That's ok though. It's not like there's a bunch of wrong numbered months or anything. Sept (7) Oct (8) Nov (9) Dec (10). It's fine. Everything's fine.

Speaking of numbers. We would like to raise our attendance numbers next year. We're wondering, what is something that continues to bring you and your children back? What's their favorite gallery? Favorite toy? If you have a minute would you mind taking a survey? It's just 4 short questions and could really help us out! Check it out here:

<https://mmcmmarketing.survey.fm/customer-survey>

We would also love to raise our End of the Year Appeal numbers this year. So, if you're in the giving mood this month please click the button below to go to our End of the Year Appeal giving page. There, you can make a single donation, or set up weekly, monthly, or annual donations. Of course, we appreciate every penny, and your money supports a great cause: Children!

Thanks, as always, for reading through to the end!

This month's Anagram:
Arty joshed soapiness

How did you do with last month's anagram?

Last months:

Pharaohs pinging Viking acts - Thanksgiving is approaching

End of the Year Appeal

[Click here to donate!](#)

**Please take a moment to see the businesses, foundations, and people
who make what we do possible!**

Click the button below to go to our donor page!

[See Our Donors](#)

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