



Ann Doyle President/CEO

“When I was younger, I wanted to be older. Now that I am older, I want to be a kid again.” ~ unknown

Each year Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum hosts an adult-only evening fundraiser. This is our largest event of the year and planning begins about six months before the event. This year’s Kids at Heart is on Thursday, March 13th (see information below).

The evening features heavy hors d’oeuvres catered by From Scratch. This will be their 3rd year catering the event and the reviews have been nothing short of AMAZING! Each year the food fits the theme of the event. The theme this year is Carnival.

There will be games that follow the carnival theme that can be played for prizes. Raffle tickets, a silent auction, and a live auction are the feature of the evening. Entertainment was added in 2024 and proved to be a good decision. Frank ‘n Jude have been confirmed and also two of the museum’s board members, David and Domingo (should we call them the Double D’s?).

Art Lewis is the celebrity emcee for the evening. He has been a supporter of the museum since day 1. Art is a treasure in the region and we are so fortunate to have him as part of this annual event.

Why am I sharing this with you? Because we need you. The children benefit from this fundraiser. We can put on community events at discounted prices when not fully sponsored because of this event. We offer discounted admissions for families who receive assistance, and other groups, because of this event. And, we keep our prices low for birthday parties as well as regular admission because of this event. Our goal is simple, to bring as many children to MMCM as possible. Many would not



be able to come without the assistance that this event provides.

Tickets are only \$35.00 per person! Yes, that is correct, just \$35 per person! There are plenty of sponsorship levels and each comes with perks relevant to the level. We need YOU! Share this amazing evening with your family and friends. The pictures below say it all: FUN at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, where adults can be Kids at Heart!

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Anna Doyle

Kids at Heart



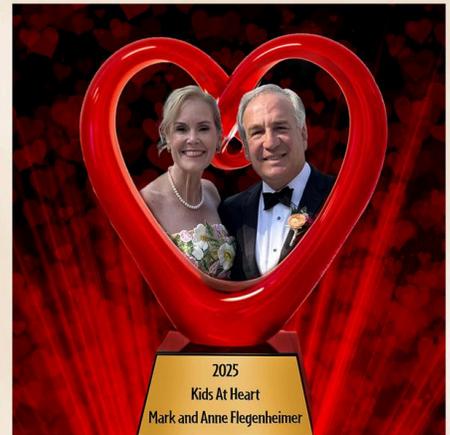
MARCH 13TH, 2025 FROM 6PM UNTIL 9PM

**ENJOY FOOD, DRINKS, RAFFLES, GAMES, PRIZES,
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS. MOST OF ALL FUN!**

Entertainment provided by Frank N' Jude & others,
Food provided by From Scratch!

Scan the QR code below to register to bid and buy tickets or a sponsorship. Remember to check back regularly as we will be adding items as we move closer to the event!

Tickets just \$35 per person



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Art Lewis will be the M.C. at this year's Kids At Heart!



2025 Kids At Heart Awardees: Mark and Anne Flegenheimer



2025 Moe Erskine Awardee: Beth Kersh



**Our Kids At Heart sponsors so far!
The Big Kids Level - \$5000**

Balance Mental Health & Wellness

Creator Level - \$3000



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The Iles Schropp Group

Explorer Level - \$2000



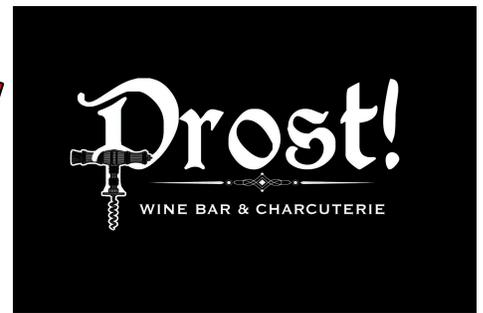
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Learner Level - \$1000

**Mark & Anne
Flegenheimer**

**Michael & Kimberly
Keller Zehnder**



Problem Solver Level - \$500



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Connector Level - \$250



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**Pat & Marie
Hengesbach**



Click below to Purchase tickets, sponsor, make a donation, and register to bid!

Be a Kid At Heart!

Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



In addition to hosting birthday parties, the museum offers room rentals for a variety of occasions, such as meetings, baby showers, family reunions, and end-of-school class parties. You can personalize your room with decorations and create lasting memories with family and friends. Each room features clips on one wall to hang banners and a rack for coats.

The museum staff will clean the room before and after your event, allowing you to relax and enjoy time with your guests.

You can easily rent a room or schedule a birthday party either in person or by phone. For more information, please call us at (989) 399-6626 or visit our website at michildrensmuseum.org.

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.

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Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

It feels cold and dreary, and as such we are already looking forward to warmer temperatures and summer camps! We will be posting our summer day camps on the website by the end of the month so you can start planning.

If you are looking for a gift for someone, we have so many options! Whether it's for a birthday, Valentine's Day, Easter baskets, and more we have the right gift for you. We offer gift certificates that can be used toward any purchase at the museum, including in our gift shop, The Tinkery. Most of the toys in The Tinkery are \$20 or less. We also have some



new toys. It's Bluey and her family, "for real life!" Stop in and check out the museum and take a souvenir home.

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 & 12:30pm
Thursdays at 10:30am

Car Works Cadillac Ribbon Cutting





Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteers are needed for the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Annual "Where in the World" Cultural Special Event on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The Mid-Michigan Children's Museum serves the community by hosting special events throughout the year. Volunteers are essential to the success of these events.

There are 3 shifts available:

Shift 1: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm

Shift 2: 1:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Shift 3: 9:45 am – 5:15 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Assisting kids with crafts and games representing different countries and cultures
- Put up/take down tables and sanitizing tables
- Assist guests and maintain a clean and safe play space in one or more museum galleries

Volunteer requirements are at least 14 years old or in 9th grade. New volunteers must submit an application and background check authorization on our website.

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](#)

-Volunteer of the Month-

Andrew Lowry



Andrew has been volunteering with us since September 2024. During this time, he has made a significant impact, and we truly appreciate all that he does for us! Andrew assists with a variety of tasks throughout the museum, including keeping the galleries organized by picking up and sorting toys, cleaning and sorting materials for the Scrap Studio, and handling various other tasks that need to be done. Andrew has been a fantastic presence, and we're grateful to have him on our team!

Andrew has been volunteering here since September to fulfill a church service mission, serving in the Saginaw community. He says he has been enjoying it, and he says it's a great place to volunteer at, and the environment and people are nice and friendly. He enjoys picking up the hands-on toys and displays to get them ready for the next child that will use them.

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 & 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.

- February 1st – Popsicle Snowflakes
- February 8th – Pom poms
- February 15th – Valentine's Cards
- March 1st – Share a Smile Day



MMCM is still looking for organizations to join us during our third annual Where in the World Day on Saturday, February 22nd, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm! This event is designed to bring in different cultural organizations from around the Great Lakes Bay Region and showcase the different cultures that make up our community. With pretzel rolling, games, dances, or origami tutorials, this day is meant to bring a little bit of culture to our visiting kiddos!

If you are interested in this free opportunity to share your culture with a craft, activity, or demonstration at this event, please reach out to specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org, or by calling us at (989) 399-6626. Booth spaces are limited and are first come, first served.

Where In The World? Cultural Day

February 22nd, 2025



Join us for a day of celebrating cultures from around the globe with themed crafts and activities! **LEARN** about what makes other cultures special all while **PLAYING!**

Pirates & Princesses



Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hey *|FIRST_NAME|*,

It's Februbarbruary... Might as well put extra letters in there. I swear I'm going to start a petition to change the way it's spelled. It gives me the ick.

Anyways, how are you? I'd say it's been a while but it only feels like a few days since the last newsletter. Slow down time! I got stuff to do!

Speaking of to-dos, I've added building a new MMCM website to mine. Right now, we're deeply involved in Kids At Heart, so the new site is coming together slowly in the background. I'm learning the new software, so it might take some time. However, I'm confident the new site will be better!

I know I might be a bit biased since I'm the one designing it, but I genuinely believe people will like the new website. It will be more streamlined, with fewer pages and more thoughtful, impactful layouts and important info will be easier to find. While our current site isn't bad, it was simply time for a change. Additionally, we will be losing support for the theme our current site is built on, which served as a gentle boot out the door to make this transition.

Keep an eye out for the new site sometime this year. Hopefully by summer!

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

This month's Anagram:
Howard Chows Fast

How did you do with last month's anagram?
Last months:
Ewen Unweary Yo! - New year, new you!

Feel like making a charitable donation?

[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](#)

We want to welcome Courtney VanWagoner to the board of directors. Courtney is always full of smiles and she jumped into her new role at MMCM with both feet running! We are excited to have Courtney on the board.

Our Board of Directors.

- Erika Ardouin: Chair (Garber Management Group)
- Ryan Shepard: Vice Chair (Garber Management Group)
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- Karen Stiffler: (MyMichigan Health)
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- Kristen Opperman: (Hemlock Semi-Conductor)
- Dr. David Cline: (SVSU)
- Michelle Youngstrom: (Teacher)
- Domingo Vasquez: (Musico Lessons)
- Dennis Barlow: (SISD)
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