



Ann Doyle President/CEO

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

We ended 2023 feeling exhilarated and thankful as we head into 2024. Our faces are full of smiles!

As of December 22, 2023, we became fully funded for the new HVAC system!!!!!! Oh, my goodness, it's a miracle for the museum that we have so many generous foundations/grantors who came to our rescue. What a gift! The new HVAC system is expected to be installed in mid-February IF the units come in as expected, and we don't have bad weather (you never know in Michigan).

Please remember these very generous foundations/grantors when looking for a place to gift money to:

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William McNally Family Foundation
HSC Cares
MI Arts & Culture Council
MI Nonprofit Assoc
Wickson-Link Memorial Foundation
Allen E. and Marie Nickless Memorial Foundation



We are so close to being fully funded for the roof. As of 12/28/23, we are short by \$11,770.00. When spring weather breaks, the roof will be replaced. Once again, we are so very fortunate to have such generous foundations/grantors/donors who care about the museum. Please remember these foundations/grantors/donors when gifting money. They are:

Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation
Frances Goll Mills Fund via Huntington Bank

Anita and James Jenkins
Douglas C. Illes Charitable Trust
Mike Colucci

With a huge smile, I want to thank all who helped the museum in 2023, and I wish all a very happy and healthy 2024!

Anna Doyle

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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Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



Every new year brings changes, and at the museum, we're starting off the year with some minor changes in our galleries. Here are some of the updates you can expect:

The water table now has new fish, fishing poles, and toys.

In the kitchen gallery, there's now plenty of food, new pots and pans, a play mini air fryer, a microwave, and colorful chairs to sit on.

The vegetable and fruit stand has been restocked with various sizes of each.

The race track has a larger variety of vehicles to race with.

More medical instruments have been added to the doctor's area.

Additionally, since baby dolls are a favorite, there are now more of them with another stroller. Lastly, there's a new train on the train tracks for visitors to enjoy.

We invite you to come and visit the museum to see these changes for yourself and to discover any other updates that you may notice.

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Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

Happy New Year! The museum had a fantastic year in 2023 and we have so much to look forward to in 2024. We will be continuing to update the museum in small and large ways. Car Works will have some large updates coming up soon. We are also working on smaller additions to some of your other favorite galleries. I can't wait for you to see what we have in store for you!



We will also be continuing Toddler Time every Wednesday from 1:00-1:30. We will have a fun craft or activity each week for your 2-5 year old.

We can't wait to see you here!

Click below to register for a field trip.

[Register Here](#)

TODDLER

TIME

Wednesday 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Ages 2-5 welcome

Crafts and activities geared towards
toddlers specifically!

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Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Happy New Year! We are already halfway through the school year. If you're looking for community service hours for school credit, volunteering at MMCM can be a great option. Volunteers need to be at least 14 years old.

As a volunteer, you can help keep the galleries safe and tidy, assist with special events, and even help with birthday parties.

To get started, please complete the application and background check form on our website.

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

If you have any questions, you can also contact me at
volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org.

Volunteer of the Month

Chyann Hoffman

Chyann began volunteering in April and has donated 20 hours of her time. She has volunteered at our special events this year helping with games and crafts. Chyann helps us keep the galleries safe and fun for the kiddos. She is a wonderful person to have at the museum and we appreciate all her hard work.

“What I like about volunteering here at the Children's Museum is the special events. My favorite. It's a simple job and sometimes nostalgic.”-Chyann

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Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Avast, ye landlubbers! It's nearly time for our annual Pirates and Princesses Day! Saturday, January 27th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM will be a day filled with swashbuckling and magical fun. You can join the MMCM Pirate Crew under Commodore Keelhauler and make your own pirate costume, learn your pirate name, and pick your first (temporary) tattoo! Or you can join the MMCM Royalty Club and make your own crown and magic wand, listen to stories, and train with our visiting princesses!



MMCM is also looking forward to hosting our second annual Where in the World Day on Saturday, February 24th, from 10:00am until 4:00pm! 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. If you are interested in sharing 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.

Pirates & Princesses | January 27th, 2023 | 10AM - 4PM

PIRATES & Princesses

Saturday, January, 27th

10AM - 4PM

Bring your
best costume!



Where in the World? | February 24th, 2024 | 10AM - 4PM

Where In The World?
Cultural Day

February 24th, 2024



Kids At Heart | March 14th, 2024 | 6PM - 9PM

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And the Winner is!

March 14th, 2024 6PM - 9PM
Games - Food - Drinks 21+ (IDs at the door)
315 W. Genesee Ave., Saginaw





Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hey `*|FIRST_NAME|*`!

It's a new year and a new...sletter. You thought I was going to say "new me." Nope, same me, just one sidereal year older.

We're putting the finishing touches on the donor page for the 2023 year. I hope you peruse them and see all the people who help make our museum what it is. It's no small feat being a nonprofit and raising enough money to make big repairs and update galleries.

I have a unique opportunity here in this job. In part, I help manage our CRM. Which, among other things, tracks our donor data. While that's not unique in and of itself, what might be is seeing the same names that partner with us also partnering with other nonprofits/businesses throughout the community. It's awesome to see how connected the community is. There are lots of people out here trying to make a big difference. Someday, I hope I'm able to give to the community as well.

I was previously joking about how it snows when I type these and by another coincidence, it's snowing again today! It's kind of starting to creep me out. STOP IT SNOW! Just kidding, I love snow.

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