



Ann Doyle President/CEO

"All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."
~ Walt Disney

In the early 1960s, The Jetsons premiered on television. It started airing during prime time in September of 1962 and was canceled after the first season. The producers were determined to make the show a hit and in September 1963, they moved it to Saturday morning cartoons. It was a hit and I hardly ever missed a show! I remember talking with my friends about how great the 2000s were going to be with flying cars, robot maids, food simulators, homes up high in the sky and more.

Here we are in the year 2025. Flying cars are still in the early stages of development and are not yet available for purchase. Robot maids, like Rosie, are not yet available, but we do have robots to help with many different types of "work." Food simulators are online and still a dream in real life. Homes are still grounded and not built way up into the sky, although it may feel like it if living in a skyscraper. Through determination, I think these things may still happen one day.

While we are not The Jetsons, I have some big dreams for 2025 at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. I think the year will be a great one for the museum. We are busy writing grants for various needs and for my dreams. We are being very careful with the wonderful monetary gifts received for use in 2025. Some are restricted to certain areas like the facility, galleries, and special events. Our dreams are not even close to The Jetsons' life and dreams, but they will add fun and learning to the museum and we will continue to update the facility as well.

In 2025 I will periodically be providing updates as they occur. Our dreams are worthwhile and we will keep writing grant applications until we are able to move ahead with our dreams. Determination is the key!



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Make Dreams Come True!
**Click the button below
to donate!**

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Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has generously donated to our Art Mart and Scrap Studio galleries. We love seeing the creativity of the children as they use the donated items to create something new.

We are also thankful for the toy donations from our generous museum members. Some of these items include a shopping cart, a kids' table and chairs, and a baby doll carrier.

If you come across any toys or other items while cleaning that you would like to donate to our galleries, we would be more than happy to accept them. All the toys in the museum receive a lot of love from the children who visit, and many often need to be replaced.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

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

Before we start on what is happening in 2025, I would like to take a look back at 2024. We had some new exhibits come to the museum which was so exciting!

The Constan Corner interactive art wall has been super popular and we are so grateful to the donors that made it happen. We also partnered with Nexteer to bring the Cadillac to Car Works. We are excited to officially



unveil it at STEM Day coming up on January 18th. We hope to have even more updates to the museum in 2025 and we are working hard to make that happen.

In addition to museum updates, we changed Toddler Time a little by offering more times and days. We are still going to offer a couple days, but the new times are Tuesday at 10:30am and 12:30pm and Thursday at 10:30am. We hope to see you and your toddler there!

Daycares, homeschools, parochial schools, and public schools: don't forget, MMCM is the perfect field trip, especially with extension lessons added on. Grants are available to help with the cost. Click the button below to register your class before the dates are filled up! Call 989-399-6626 for more information!

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**

Holiday Hooray!



Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Come, All Ye Lads & Ladies!

Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is looking for Volunteer Actors to portray Pirates & Princesses!

When: Saturday, January 25, 2025
Shift 1: 9:45am-1:30pm
Shift 2: 1:15pm-5:15pm
Shift 3: 9:45am-5:15pm

Requirements: Provide own costumes (Homecoming and Prom dresses work great for princess costumes.)

Who: Homecoming/Prom Court High School & College Students
Theatre Departments from High Schools & Colleges
Theatre Clubs from High Schools, Colleges, and Community members
Anyone that enjoys acting as a hobby and so many more!

How: Complete application & Background check at the buttons below.
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.

What: Volunteers will be assisting reading Pirate & Princess stories, themed crafts and activities, face painting, and interacting with the kids in the galleries.

Why: Volunteers are a crucial part of a successful community event!

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.

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

To sign up click the buttons below.

Volunteer Applications:

[Individuals Apply Here](#)

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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/>

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NYE Countdown Blast!



Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Pirates & Princesses

Avast, ye landlubbers! It's nearly time for our annual Pirates and Princesses Day! Saturday, January 25th 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 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 told by the Michigan Sugar Queen, and train with our visiting princesses!

MMCM is also looking forward to hosting our third annual Where in the World Day on Saturday, February 22nd, 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 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.



PIRATES & Princesses

Saturday, January 25th

10AM - 4PM

Dress in your best pirate or princess costume and join us for a swashbuckling good time!

We have all sorts of pirate and princess themed crafts and activities planned! Arrrrr you ready?



NYE Countdown Blast!



Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hey ***|FIRST_NAME|***,

Technology is awesome. We can communicate faster than ever, we reach people further than ever, we can keep track of our friends' (and strangers') daily goings-on through social media, we can even write a newsletter that goes out monthly letting people know what's going on in our world. We also have spell check for when I accidently spell amount with two m's. That's part of what makes technology awesome.

Sometimes, thanks to technology, you have to remake an entire newsletter because your browser freezes. I guess that's cool too. Thanks, technology, for the free memory test!

On a lighter note, I hope everyone had a great end of 2024. I also hope everyone has a great start of 2025! Let's make the best of this year! Let's visit more children's museums, and 'play and learn' more. Let's donate our time, or money, or just get involved! Let's remember to write 2025 on everything first try! (I'm terrible at that. 😊)

We appreciate everyone who helps to keep Mid-Michigan Children's Museum the gem that it is by donating time, money, and supplies. Let's go 2025! Woo!

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

This month's Anagram:
Ewen Unweary Yo!

How did you do with last month's anagram?
Last months:
Arty joshed soapiness - Spread Joy This Season

End of the Year Appeal

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