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## Ann Doyle President/CEO

“Play is the foundation of learning, creativity, self-expression, and constructive problem-solving. It’s how children wrestle with life to make it meaningful.” ~ Bess R. Herbert

My husband and I have three grandchildren: Kylie (13), Isaac (12 in April), Marlee (11 in April). The girls have been coming to Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum ever since they were toddlers. Isaac started coming to the museum when he was 8 after moving back to Michigan. All three have loved the museum and still like to come whenever they can. Kylie has volunteered with her mom. Isaac has volunteered with his Papa, his dad, and also has helped Grandma a few times. Marlee has helped Grandma. While they are aging out of the museum as guests, they are loving their next phase of the museum, which is learning to be volunteers. At age 14, they will be ready to volunteer without an adult partnering with them.

My husband has worked Touch-a-Truck annually since 2022. My oldest son has volunteered by painting faces and juggling. My daughter-in-love has volunteered sharing her profession in the health of babies and toddlers. My friend has volunteered painting faces and preparing for Kids at Heart.

The Mid-Michigan team pulls in their family members and friends as well. The Board of Directors give their time volunteering at events, and some bring their children to help. We reach out to retired teachers, college students, junior and high school students, the Marines, corporate volunteers, and more.

Why am I telling you this? The museum cannot exist without volunteers. We need a lot of people to put on events, and to help with field trips, birthdays, and summer camps. We need people who love working with children. We need people who have talents that they want to share (music, dancing, singing, art, juggling, magic, face painting for example).



There is no limit to what volunteers can do to help at the museum. We need volunteers to just walk around the galleries and keep children safe, pick up objects and be available as needed. Volunteers are needed to dress up as a princess, a pirate, a mascot, a bunny, and well, you get the idea.

If you are able to volunteer, please read about volunteers and fill out our Volunteer sign-up page. We need individuals and groups. Your time and talents are precious and needed. We hope you will share with the children at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

President/CEO

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items as we move closer to the event!

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**Tickets just \$35 per person**  
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**2025 Kids At Heart Awardees:  
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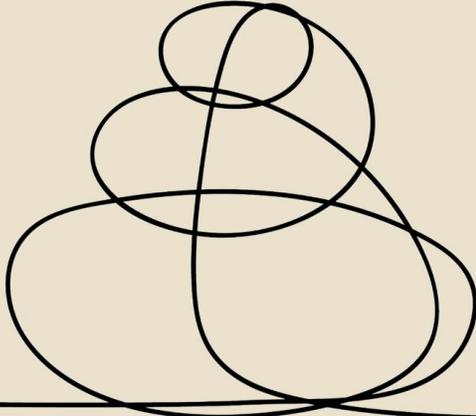
**2025 Moe Erskine Awardee:  
Beth Kersh**



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## Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has generously donated items for our Art Mart and Scrap Studio galleries. It's always a pleasure to witness the creativity of the children who visit our museum, and the donated items play a vital role in bringing their imaginations to life.

In addition to the Art Mart and the Scrap Studio galleries, other exhibits have also received donations from our generous museum members. These items include new dishes and pans for our gallery kitchen and several baby dolls.

During your spring cleaning, if you come across any toys or other items 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 kids who visit, and they often need to be replaced.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

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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## Where in the World Cultural Day





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## Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

March is one of my favorite months of the year. It has some of my favorite dates including my birthday, my youngest son's birthday, and Kids at Heart! This year Kids at Heart will be on Thursday March 13th from 6-9pm. This year's theme is carnival with lots of fun games and prizes. We also have a few different raffles like our 50/50 raffle, Wagon of Cheer, and Golden Ticket.



We will be honoring some very special people to the museum with our Kids at Heart award being presented to Mark and Anne Flegenheimer and the Moe Erskine Award being presented to Beth Kersh. We are also bringing back live entertainment with Domingo Vasquez and Dr. David Cline, Frank n Jude, and Amy Petty. March 13th is going to be a great night and we can't wait to see you there!

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

**Field Trips**

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# 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**

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## Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteers are needed for Mid-Michigan Children's Museum's annual Kids at Heart fundraiser. This year's theme is Carnival. The children benefit from this fundraiser. The proceeds help bring as many children to MMCM as possible. Many families would not be able to come to MMCM without this fundraiser. Volunteers are an integral part of any successful fundraiser.

**You can choose more than 1 shift**

**Event Set Up: Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**There are 5 shifts:**

Shift 1: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Shift 2: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Shift 3: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Shift 4: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Shift 5: 10:00am – 6:00 pm

**Event Set Up: Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**There are 4 shifts:**

Shift 1: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Shift 2: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Shift 3: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Shift 4: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks on Wednesday & Thursday:

Cleaning and setting up the museum for event

Moving tables and chairs to desired areas

Moving items such as auction items to desired areas

Vacuuming & Dusting

**Individuals 18+ ONLY may volunteer during the evening shifts at the Fundraiser on Thursday 3/13/25**

**At Event: There are 3 Thursday Night shifts:**

Shift 1: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Shift 2: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Shift 3: 5:30 pm -9:30 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks at event:

Help facilitate games during the event

Help bus tables, check ID at door, or coat room

Clean up the museum during and after the closure of the event

Help with silent auction during the evening and at closing

**Event Clean Up: Friday, March 14, 2025**

**There are 3 shifts:**

Shift 1: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Shift 2: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Shift 3: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks on Friday:

Cleaning up the museum from previous night

Reset the galleries

Move left over items upstairs

Ages 14+ years able to volunteer Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**To sign up:** email Whitney, Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org) or call 989-399-6626 with the date and shift time you would like to sign up for.

**Or click the buttons below.**

## **Volunteer Applications:**

**Individuals Apply Here**

**Groups 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/>**

**Or Scan Here:**



## 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.



- March 1st – Share a Smile Day
- March 8th – Toilet Paper Tube Early Birds
- March 15th – Leprechaun Lookers
- March 22nd – Paper Seals
- March 29th – Pipe Cleaner Snakes

We are also getting close to our annual Indoor Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt! This year, on Saturday, April 12th, from 10:00am until 4:00pm, kids will be able to scour our galleries for eggs. When the eggs are turned in, kids will receive a tooth-friendly goodie bag with all of the essentials for happy, healthy teeth! Admission for this event is currently \$3 per person, ages 2 and older. Everyone under age 2 is still free! If you are interested in sponsoring this event, or donating tooth-friendly materials such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, or floss, reach out to Emily at [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org) or 989-399-6626.

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## Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hello \*|FIRST\_NAME|\*, my old friend,

I've come to email you again.

As we prepare for our Kids At Heart event, we've been stopping by, and reaching out to, businesses in the GLBR for donations for our silent auction. This experience serves as a reminder of how incredible our communities are and how willing people are to help.

I enjoy interacting with the public, discussing the museum, and hearing about what it means to them. Families from all over bring their children here, and some former volunteers have shared their experiences with us as well. It's amazing to realize that everywhere you go in the region, you can probably find someone who has contributed to our success. It truly gives me the warm fuzzies and offers a perspective on how small the world really is.

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

This month's Anagram:

**Kilt chiefs hour**

How did you do with last month's anagram?

Last months:

**Howard Chows Fast - Watch for shadows**

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**Feel like making a charitable donation?**

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**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!**

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**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.**

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