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Happy March---and soon, happy spring! This year didn't waste time in taking off at high speed. So much is happening!

First, and foremost, the HVAC system is completed! Thank you to all who made this possible. The only thing left to do is to hook up the new condenser for the upstairs (not in the original plan). This may happen in March since our weather has been pretty nice lately.

The backflow pipe has been completed. This project cost around \$16,000 and the museum received \$10,000 of the cost. This turned out to be a bit more difficult than originally thought, but it is done and we (and the City of Saginaw) are very happy!

The new roof will be done in April, maybe sooner. Nice weather is needed for this project and multiple days in a row. We are anxious to get this project done as it is the last of the really BIG facility projects! Thank you to all who made a new roof possible.

The museum has held two community events so far this year: Pirates & Princesses and Where In The World. Two more are scheduled (Tooth Friendly Indoor Egg Hunt and MMCM's Birthday) before we take a short pause.

We are currently focused on Kids at Heart! This is our annual fundraiser and it is so much fun! The theme is TV Games, so of course, there are games! The event has entertainment for the first time: Todd Michael Hall (maybe you saw him on The Voice), Amy Petty, and Frank N' Jude. Art Lewis returns as the emcee for the evening. Guest auctioneers, Trace Hendrick and Ben Denay, are sharpening up their auction chant, aka cattle rattle, crying bid, bid calling for the live auction. The silent auction will be online and in person. The annual Kids at Heart Award will be given to Dr. Louis & Mrs. Karen Constan, while the Moe Erskine Award is going to Bob



and Nancy Kaufman.

The event is being catered by From Scratch with desserts from Bavarian Inn. Beer and wine will be served and this means this is an ADULT-only event. ID will be checked at the door. Thursday, March 14th, is one FUN-packed evening from 6 pm-9 pm.

The proceeds are being used to get more children to the museum. Field trips are expensive for schools. With your very kind donations, sponsorships, and purchases at the event, the museum is able to help offset some of the cost for admissions and buses by giving grants. Many schools need that little extra help in order to make field trips to the museum a reality.

Please join us -- \$35 per person. Sponsorships come with tickets and more, depending on the level. Silent auction items/packages are welcome and also donations (but really, you want to be at the museum the evening of March 14th!)

See below for more about the event and sponsors online.

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

Get your tickets!

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Join the auction!

Tickets

Auction

Trace Hendrick & Ben Denay as our auctioneers!

Art Lewis as M.C.

**Mid-Michigan Children's Museum's
17th Annual Fundraiser**

**Kids
at
hear** 

Live Performances by:



**Todd Michael Hall Frank N' Jude
& Amy Petty**

**Theme: And The Winner Is! (Gameshows)
Thursday, March 14th, 2024
6PM - 9PM**

**Live & Silent Auctions - Games - Food - Drinks
21+ (ID at the door)
315 W. Genesee Ave., Saginaw**

Kids at Heart Awardees 2024: Dr. Louis and Karen Constan



Moe Erskine Awardees 2024: Bob & Nancy Kaufman



Live auction #1 - VIP

V.I.P. PACKAGE

YOUR OWN PRIVATE SECTION

- ENJOY PIZZA FROM G'S PIZZERIA
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- INCLUDING CHAMPAGNE
- HAVE A FRONT ROW SEAT TO LIVE MUSIC
AND BIDDING ON ALL OF THE LIVE AUCTION
PACKAGES
- TCHOTCHKE ITEMS SUPPLIED

Live auction #2 - Little Bavaria

LITTLE BAVARIA

THE WINNER OF THIS PACKAGE WILL RECEIVE
-A 2-NIGHT STAY AT THE BAVARIAN INN
LODGE,
-\$500 IN GAME CARDS
-PIZZA PACKAGE
-MILK AND COOKIES WITH WILLY THE
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-MINI GOLF PASSES
-MINI MELTS
-AND FUDGE

Live auction #3 - High Steaks

HIGH STEAKS



Herford Brothers 1/4 of beef cut to suit your family's needs. This is equivalent to 150-200 lbs. of beef

Live auction #4 - Lights, Camera, Fashion

LIGHTS, CAMERA, FASHION!

YOU AND A MINIMUM OF 14 FRIENDS WILL ENJOY A NIGHT WITH THE GIRLS AT EMILIE B'S

- 30% DISCOUNT THROUGHOUT THE EVENING**
- CHEESE BOARD, WINE, AND CHOCOLATES**
- PLUS A FABULOUS FREE GIFT FOR EACH GUEST!**

PLUS A 1 HOUR PHOTO SESSION WITH NICOLE RISCH AND A 16"X20" HEIRLOOM WALL ART.

Live auction #5 - Pasta La Vista

PASTA LA VISTA

YOUR GROUP OF 12 WILL JOIN PROST WINE BAR AND CHARCUTERIE IN FRANKENMUTH TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE PASTA!

INCLUDES:

- HOW TO MAKE AND ENJOY AN APEROL SPRITZ**
- PASTA MAKING CLASS**
- A GLASS OF WINE DURING CLASS**
- CHEESE AND CHARCUTERIE PRIOR TO PASTA**
- PASTA DINNER**

Live auction #6 - Royale With Bread

ROYALE WITH BREAD

**CHEF JACOB AUSTIN FROM THE BAVARIAN
INN WILL PREPARE AND SERVE AN
IN-HOME MEAL FOR 6-8 GUESTS WITH
FOOD PROVIDED BY US FOODS AND
DESSERT PROVIDED BY THE BREAD GAL.**

Live auction #7 - Charleston Charge

CHARLESTON CHARGE

FALL FOR CHARLESTON'S SOUTHERN CHARM IN A COTTAGE BY THE COOPER RIVER

-3 NIGHT STAY FOR 6

-3 BEDS 2 BATHS

ROOM 1 - QUEEN BED, WALK IN RAINFALL SHOWER, EN-SUITE BATHROOM, DOUBLE VANITY

ROOM 2 - QUEEN BED, SHARED BATHROOM, SHOWER/TUB COMBO

ROOM 3 - QUEEN BED, SHARED BATHROOM, SHOWER/TUB COMBO

-AC, TV, WASHER, DRYER, FULL KITCHEN, WIRELESS INTERNET

-30 MINUTES TO SULLIVAN'S ISLAND BEACH

Live auction #8 - Mex It Up

MEX IT UP

**EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF MEXICO AT THE
GRAND MAYAN!**

-7 NIGHT STAY FOR 4 PEOPLE

-2 BEDS 2 BATHS

ROOM 1 - KING BED, JACUZZI, TV, AC

ROOM 2 - KING BED, TV, AC

-POOL, INTERNET, GYM, FULL KITCHEN

-YOUR CHOICE OF 4 LOCALES

(NUEVO VALLARTA, RIVIERA MAYA, ACAPULCO, OR PUERTO PEÑASCO)

Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



Hosting a birthday party at the museum is a great way to make your child's special day even more enjoyable. Once your party ends, you and your guests can continue to have fun exploring the museum until closing time, while our dedicated staff and volunteers clean up the party room.

To find out more about our birthday party packages, simply visit our website and click on the "Play" tab, followed by "Birthday Parties". Alternatively, you can give us a call at 989-399-6626 to check availability for your desired date and time.

Creator Level Sponsors - \$3000

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Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

I can't believe it's March already! This year has been going by so fast. We are excited to open up registration for summer camps this month on our website and in person at the museum. Camps start the week of June 10th and go through mid-August. They are going to be so much fun! We will also be continuing Toddler Time on Wednesdays from 1:00-1:30 pm and Thursdays from 11:00-11:30 am through March. We are hoping to get a good feel for what time will work best for families going forward. We hope to see you here!



Click below to register for a field trip.

[Register Here](#)



**TODDLER
TIME**

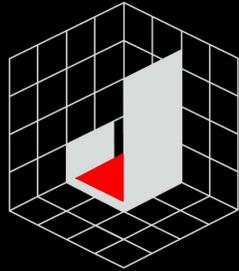
Wednesday 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Ages 2-5 welcome

Crafts and activities geared towards
toddlers specifically!

Explorer Level Sponsors - \$2000

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YEO & YEO

Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Can you believe that Spring will be here soon? Springtime brings our indoor Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 10 am to 4 pm. We are looking for volunteers aged 13 and above to help make this event a success. There are three shifts available: the morning shift from 9:45 am to 1:30 pm, the afternoon shift from 1:15 pm to 5:15 pm, and the full-day shift from 9:45 am to 5:15 pm.

If you have previously volunteered here and are interested in this event, please send me an email to volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org with your preferred shift time. If you are a new volunteer, please complete an application and background check here:

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

Learner Level Sponsors - \$1000

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Volunteer of the Month: Serenity Swartz

Serenity began volunteering in November 2023. Since she started volunteering, she has contributed 25 hours of her time. She is a generous student volunteer. Serenity helps make the end of the day of clean-up run smoothly. There never seem to be enough Thank You's to say to her, she is so amazing.

"I love volunteering at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. My family had a membership when I was a child and my favorite things included the A-mazing airways and Water, Water Everywhere. I have always loved working with children, and I love being busy. I knew the Children's Museum would be a great fit for me. The people are really nice, and I love seeing the kids exploring and learning. Volunteering as a 14-year-old gives me life experience that will help me when I'm ready to get a real job. I appreciate the opportunity to volunteer and work with the children of Saginaw and surrounding areas."-Serenity

Problem Solver Level Sponsors - \$500



Your Friends in the Insurance Business!



**Pat & Marie
Hengesbach**



Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Our Where in the World day was a blast! With crafts and activities from around the world, kids were able to get a glimpse at the cultures around them. We would like to thank the Japanese Cultural Center and Musico Lessons for all of the hard work they put into their presentations! We would also like to thank our sponsors for the day, State Farm agents Ryan Coe and Karl Briggs, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for helping us to reduce admission for the day and help bring in families that might not otherwise get a chance to visit the museum!



Easter is just around the corner, and with it our Indoor Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt! Saturday, March 30th, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, kids will be able to scour the galleries for eggs. In exchange for their find, they'll receive a goodie bag including all the essentials for proper oral hygiene! This event will be \$3 per person ages 2 and older. Join us for Easter and tooth-themed crafts and activities such as our Bunny Tail Toss and Easter Charades. We'll also be receiving a special visit from the Easter Bunny before he makes his rounds on Easter Sunday!

It's not too late to sponsor and help us promote sparkling smiles and healthy kids! If you consider yourself a Floss Boss or Cavity Crusher, reach out to specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org for more information on how you can give and be a part of this event. We are also seeking donations of items to fill the children's goodie bags, such as toothpaste, floss, or other tooth-friendly goodies. The deadline to sponsor or donate is March 23rd. Let us know if you'd like a copy of our event poster for your office!

Smile Makers (\$250): Reid Calcott, DDS; Dr. Robert Cady, DDS, PC; Mertz-Bricker Family Dentistry

Floss Bosses (\$500): Dr. Ryan Michelson; Dr. Jessica R. Bentoski Pediatric Dentistry

Tooth Sleuth (\$1,000): Monica A. Lamble DDS, MS

Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt | March 30th, 2024 | 10AM - 4PM

11th Annual: Indoor Tooth-Friendly Egg Hunt March 30th, 2024 10AM-4PM

Special Visit from the Easter Bunny!
Search the museum, collect eggs, and turn
them in for a tooth-friendly goodie bag!



Where In The World Cultural Day 2024





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**Trace & Kelly
Hendrick**



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Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hello *|FIRST_NAME|*,

What month is it? I feel like I'm time-traveling. Wasn't I just typing out my February newsletter article yesterday? It sure feels like it! Have we mentioned we're busy? Very busy in fact. Very, Many, Busy... I'll take 4 letter words that end in Y Alex!

On top of Kids At Heart stuff, we're also testing the new gallery equipment and working out some software kinks. Once it's up and running though, it's going to be so cool!

Our new Art Mart and Car Works signs are here, and look fantastic, thanks to JP Graphics & Wraps out of Freeland. I should be getting them hung up in the next day or so. Now my art will live on in the museum for a long time! *Hopefully*

Hey, while you're here. Listen, I'm not one for asking favors but this ONE time I think it might be ok. If you are in need of services, please consider scrolling back up and looking through our sponsors for a company that might suit your needs. These fine folks have been generous enough to

make sponsorships and donations to keep us running in the past and continue to do so! As I've said before a lot of them help out not only us but many businesses and other nonprofits around the community. These companies help support us so I hope that helps to earn your business as well. They care about what we do here and we are all grateful!

See you again in April! Looking forward to the showers and flowers!

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who make what we do possible!
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