

There were some broken links and missing sponsors in this month's newsletter. Corrections have been made to this one!



Ann Doyle President/CEO

“By giving a little, you will help out a lot.” ~ unknown

I want to start my article with the newest Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum fan. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Jessie, her husband, Andrew, and their son, Theo, as they welcomed James to their family.



Thank you to all who participated in some way in the museum’s annual Kids at Heart fundraiser. We had volunteers help the day before, the day of, and the day after. We received donated silent auction items as well as live auction items. Numerous companies and individuals purchased sponsorships. Board members participated to help set up and with the event. Staff worked hard to prepare for the event with months of planning. The Kids at Heart committee members began meeting last October and helped to ask for and receive the various auction items. In this newsletter are links for the auction donors and sponsors. Please patronize the businesses, as they do so much for the community.

This year Kids at Heart had live entertainment: Todd Michael Hall, Amy Petty, and Frank n’ Jude. All donated their time and talents to entertain the guests. Saginaw Sound donated their time and equipment to make sure the music flowed throughout the museum. Ben Denay and Trace Hendrick were wonderful as auctioneers for the live auction. They were quite the team and made the live auction fun.

All of us at the museum are thankful and humbled by the community’s generosity. While numbers are still being finalized, it appears that just under \$58,000 was raised after deducting expenses. It truly takes a village!

Ann Doyle

Welcome baby James!



Kids at Heart 2024

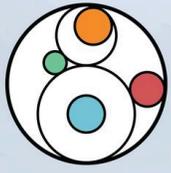


Our new HVAC is installed and now inspected and ready for hopefully a long, long life ahead!

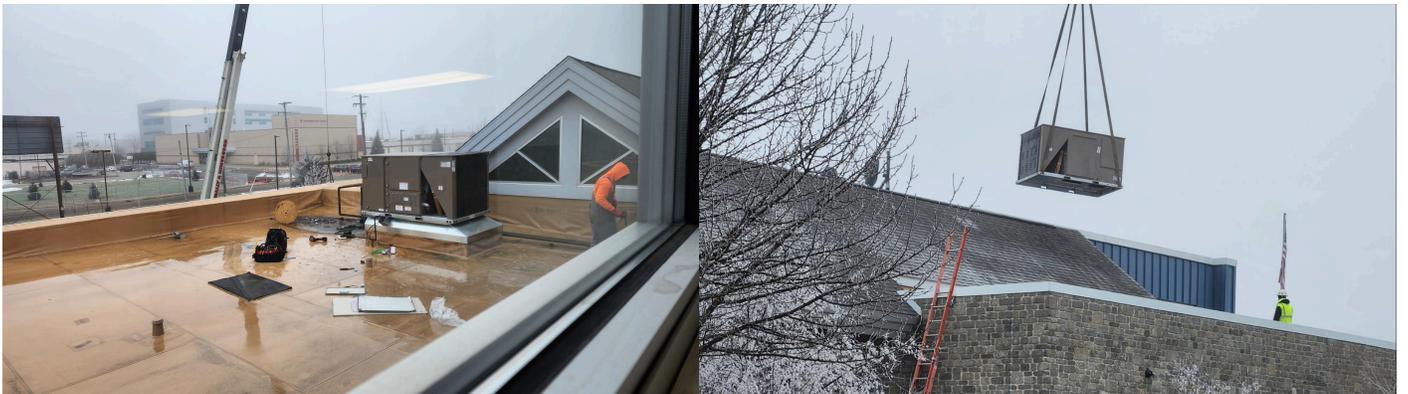
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Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



The museum staff and volunteers work hard to ensure that the museum is a safe, clean, and inclusive space for children to play and learn. Although the museum is closed on Mondays, the staff and some volunteers are still working.

The Do-All volunteers begin by cleaning the tables and chairs in the classrooms. After cleaning, they sort and prepare various items such as water bottles, egg cartons, bottle caps, and more for the children to use in the "Scrap Studio" gallery.

When the SVRC volunteers arrive, they collect all the toys and parts in the museum. Once all the toys are clean and dry, they place them back in their respective locations. They also clean all the galleries in the museum.

The museum staff spends Mondays cleaning and washing the toys, cleaning clothes, restrooms, and the "Water, Water Everywhere" water table and water tank. Cleaning the entire museum is a significant undertaking, and we want to ensure it is done correctly. That is why we are closed all day on Mondays. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work," and we are grateful for all the help we receive in cleaning.

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Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

Happy April! Spring is here, and so are spring breaks and spring field trips. We are booking up fast and are getting limited on our availability so be sure to submit your form as soon as possible to ensure your visit this year. Don't forget our kiddos who are not in school. We have Toddler Time just for them. See flyer below for more info.



In gallery news, we are continuing to update and add new things so keep checking us out to see what new fun things we have in store for you!

Summer camps will be starting soon as well! Links below!

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

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Click below for summer camps!

Register Here

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TIME

Wednesday 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

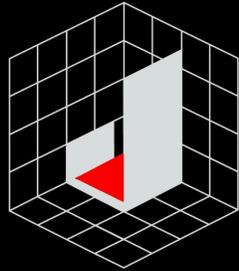
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Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



The museum is turning 16! Saturday, May 4, 2024, is the big day of celebration and we need volunteer help! Some duties are running craft or game stations and keeping the galleries safe and clean by picking up items and looking for broken items.

Individuals, aged 14 and above, can volunteer. Your participation is highly appreciated! We have 3 shifts to fill: Shift 1: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm, Shift 2: 1:30 pm – 5:15 pm, Shift 3: 9:45 am - 5:15 pm. Please complete the volunteer form and I will follow up to get you scheduled.

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

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

If you have any questions about this event or future volunteer opportunities, contact me at volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org.

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month!**

April's reciprocal memberships!

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AND

Your Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum membership also works at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum



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Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

We might be getting another year older, but we still love to play! Come help us celebrate our Super Sweet 16th Birthday Party on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Make your own party patrol suit and participate in a number of other awesome birthday-themed crafts and activities.



As hard as the staff works, none of it is possible without the help of the community, so we are looking for sponsors for our birthday! Sponsorships begin at \$250.00 and go up to \$3500.00. Sponsorships help us to lower the admission cost to \$3 per person, and if we are fully sponsored at \$3500, we can offer free admission. In addition, full sponsorships allow the museum to hire a DJ for the event as well as purchase activity materials. Sponsors will receive social media, newsletter, and in-museum recognition, as well as the opportunity to have an informational table at the event. For any questions regarding sponsorship of this (or any) event,

please call (989) 399-6626,

or email specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org.

MMCM's Super Sweet 16 | May 4th, 2024 | 10AM - 4PM



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Connector Level Sponsors - \$250



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Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Howdy *|FIRST_NAME|*,

You get a fun poem this month! Lucky you!

April showers are now upon us - trees are budding,
Hardened ground and melted snow - could be flooding,
Warmer temps around the corner - find your swim trunks,
Emptier-than-normal feeders - hungry chipmunks,
Better wear your taller boots - ground is muddy,
Leave them on the front porch though - carpet's cruddy,
Absence makes the heart grow fonder - bye bye cold,
Next month is our 16th birthday - growing old!

The museum has a lot of upcoming events and activities. As usual we are very busy. Stop by and say hi! If you're interested, please consider purchasing a membership. This month and in the coming months, we have great reciprocal memberships with children's museums throughout the state. It's a great opportunity! Especially to include in your summer travel plans! Of course, a premium membership gets you a discount at tons of museums all over the world!

As always thanks for making it to the end of our newsletter! We'll see you again in May!

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who make what we do possible!
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