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## Ann Doyle President/CEO

Creative thinking + collaboration + commitment = completion

Last January, I promised to provide updates periodically regarding projects at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. Over the last four years, we have tackled some big projects in the gallery and for the facility in general. This year is no different.



Earlier this year, two big windows had to be replaced. One window is in classroom 1 and the other in the Airways Gallery (by the air tubes). Both windows look out at Genesee Avenue. Grants covered 75% of the cost. This project was completed at the end of May and looks great. Better yet, no rain or wind is sneaking into the building! Thank you, Valley Glass, for working with us. A big thank you to our donors: the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and the William F. McNally Family Foundation.

If you have been to the museum in recent months, you most likely noticed that our entrance/exit doors were not working correctly, or not at all. That problem has been fixed with new sliding doors! This was an urgent problem that needed to be resolved quickly. Two years ago, money was put aside for an emergency, and this ended up being that emergency! Thank you again to Valley Glass for making this project a reality.

The Dental gallery update in Insides Out is completed. The dental chair was replaced by, and will be maintained by, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers and Dr. Crowley. Morley completed the update with an interactive wall that is bright and welcoming.

Covenant Healthcare provided grant money to update the pediatrician and surgical galleries in Insides Out. Saginaw Community Foundation provided a grant to cover the rest of the funds needed to revamp the rest

of Insides Out. We are extremely appreciative of the support and making Insides Out new again.

We are not done, so stay tuned for more good news in 2025!

*Ann Doyle*

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## New Windows

This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council



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## Door Update

**Before**

**After**



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## Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



At the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, we welcome visitors of all ages to come and play in our galleries. Adults need to be accompanied by children, and children need to be accompanied by adults. Whether you're just a few months old or many years young, we want you to have a safe, fun, and memorable visit.

To ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment, we have a few important rules in place:

1. Please wear shoes while inside the museum.
2. Use walking feet at all times.
3. Do not throw any objects.
4. Climb only on the stairs in the barn and on the rock climbing wall.
5. Always be aware of where everyone in your group is.

Food is not allowed in the gallery area; however, you are welcome to enjoy your lunch or snack in our pavilion or at the picnic tables by the front entrance. Lastly, any craft items made in Scrap Studio or pictures painted in Art Mart may be taken home as souvenirs of your visit.

Thank you for joining us at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

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## Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

The end of summer is nearing, which means we have our last two weeks of summer camps: August 5-7 (Disaster Defenders) and August 12-14(Into The Wild). Sign your child(ren) up by clicking the "Summer Camps" button below this flyer before the fun is over! With the end of summer comes the start of the school year. If your child(ren)'s class (or your classroom) would like to have a field trip to the museum this year, you can schedule anytime by clicking the Field Trips button below the camp flyer.



We are a great spot to have your Halloween, Christmas, or end-of-year parties! Staff at the museum are hard at work updating the museum. By the end of the year, many of the galleries should have a new addition. You are always welcome to give feedback so we know if you like what we are doing, or if you have a cool suggestion that you think we should look into. Thank you for your continued support!



## Summer Camps At Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

Per week: \$90 for non-members, \$75 for members

For ages 6-10

Time: 9am-4pm

Camp: Museum Mixtape (Musico Lessons LLC)

Date: June 17-19

Description: Whether your kid likes to rock 'n roll, jive to jazz, or bop to pop music, the museum invites them to drop their own mixtape. They will be learning the basics of music through color keyboarding with Musico Lessons LLC. Get ready to beat to the rhythm of your own drum in this expressive camp.

Camp: Cirque de Musé

Date: June 24-26

Description: The circus is coming to the museum! In this camp, your kid will experience the fun and mischief that comes with a cirque. From tight rope walking to clowning around, kids will become a performer worthy of the circus.

Camp: Let's Get Physical

Date: July 8-10

Description: Learn about the science behind sports. We will practice some of the most popular sports played in Michigan including baseball, golf, and tennis. Sports enthusiasts might even get to meet some professional players!

Camp: Once Upon a Time (READ Assoc./ Hoyt Library)

Date: July 15-17

Description: Explore your favorite fairy tales as we go on a hunt for a glass slipper, build a huff and puff proof house, and even write and perform our own original fairy tales.

Per week: \$90 for non-members, \$75 for members

Time: 9am-4pm

Camp: Secret Agent Academy (Castle Museum of Saginaw County History)

Date: July 22-24

Description: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to identify a sneaky criminal mastermind that has pulled off the caper of the summer! To complete your assignment, you will have to look for fingerprints, create disguises and send coded messages.

Camp: Up, Up, & Away Superhero Academy

Date: July 29-31

Description: Develop your superpowers, disguise your true identity, train your body to be fit to face villains, and test yourself with supercharged challenges.

Camp: Disaster Defenders

Dates: August 5-7

Description: Are you ready for disaster? Learn tracking and searching skills, practice your survival engineering abilities by learning to make a snare, camouflage yourself and be prepared for almost anything!

Camp: Into the Wild

Date: August 12-14

Description: Bring the great outdoors inside! Experience the thrill of being outside and seeing wild animals from the safety and comfort of the museum.

Click below to register for a field trip!

Click below to register for a Summer Camp!

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## Summer Camps



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## Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteers are needed for our biggest community special event: the 12th Annual Touch-A-Truck, taking place on Saturday, September 6th. Outdoor activities will be from 10 AM to 3 PM, while indoor play will be available from 10 AM to 5 PM. Kids will have the exciting opportunity to experience various vehicles, including fire trucks, semi-trucks, race cars, and much more from the driver's seat. This day promises to be filled with learning and fun!

The museum will also host a variety of enjoyable activities throughout the day, such as face painting, a bounce house, and make-and-take crafts. Volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring the success of this event. There are two dates available for volunteer opportunities, and volunteers may sign up for multiple shifts.

**\*\*Event Setup: Friday, September 5th\*\***

There are 6 shifts available for setup:

- **\*\*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:\*\*** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **\*\*Shift 5:\*\*** 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **\*\*Shift 6:\*\*** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**\*\*Tasks for Setup Volunteers Include:\*\***

- Removing debris and rocks from the museum grounds and parking lot

- Sanitizing, folding, moving, and setting up tables
- Sanitizing, stacking, and moving chairs
- Setting up crafts and games indoors
- Stuffing goodie bags
- Cleaning windows (inside and outside)
- Sanitizing gallery items
- Vacuuming gallery areas

**\*\*Event Day: Saturday, September 6th\*\***

There are 6 shifts available for the event day:

- **\*\*Shift 1:\*\*** 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM
- **\*\*Shift 2:\*\*** 9:15 AM – 12:30 PM
- **\*\*Shift 3:\*\*** 12:00 PM – 3:15 PM
- **\*\*Shift 4:\*\*** 3:00 PM – 5:15 PM
- **\*\*Shift 5:\*\*** 9:15 AM – 5:15 PM
- **\*\*Shift 6:\*\*** 7:30 AM – 5:15 PM

**\*\*Tasks for Event Day Volunteers Include:\*\***

- Assisting in directing vehicles to their assigned parking spots
- Entry-level to experienced face painters needed
- Setting up tents and moving fences, picnic tables, and other large items
- Monitoring crafts or activities, such as making vests, school bus crackers, and playing bean bag toss
- Maintaining a safe environment in the galleries
- Emptying trash cans in the parking lot throughout the event
- Distributing food and drinks to volunteers and presenters
- Handing out goodie bags
- Monitoring the bounce house
- Oversight of a vehicle or table while the presenter takes a break
- Acting as mascots at various times throughout the day
- Sanitizing, folding, moving, and setting up tables and chairs
- Removing debris and rocks from the museum grounds and surrounding parking lots
- Monitoring barricades throughout the event

We appreciate your time and enthusiasm in helping us create a memorable event

Volunteer requirements are at least 14 years old or in 9th grade. New volunteers must submit an application and background check on our website. We appreciate your time and enthusiasm in helping us create a memorable event!

If you are a current or returning volunteer, you do not need to submit a new application. Send Whitney an email with your name and preferred shift time.

For more information, or if you are interested, please contact Whitney, Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org) or 989-399-6626.

**Click the buttons below to get registered.**

# Volunteer Applications:

Individuals Apply Here

Groups Apply Here

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## Volunteer Of The Month

### Michelle Chaffee

Michelle began volunteering at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum in April and has already contributed over 60 hours of her time. She assists with field trip orientations and helps in the galleries during visits by guests, as well as volunteers with the summer campers. Michelle is a fantastic addition to our volunteer team, and we feel fortunate to have her. Thank you so much, Michelle, for all that you continue to do!

"I would have to say I like volunteering at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum because I get to see all the cute and happy kids and hear the funny things they say. A little girl, about 6, was playing doctor and asked her baby doll patient, "**So what's your problem?**" and I thought it was so funny." - Michelle C.

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## Volunteer Hours

So far this year, we've had **277 volunteers**, who have put in a total of **2932.25 hours**. Our goal for 2025 is **7000 volunteer hours** total! If you want to help make that goal a reality, please consider clicking the appropriate **orange button** above and signing up to volunteer!

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## Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Don't miss out on our **Saturday Scrap Studio Kits!** Each Saturday, we will have a new craft available 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. This month's Scrap Studio Kits include:

- Paper Flip Flops
- Construction Paper Lemonade



- Paper Sandcastles
- TP Tube Koalas
- Paper Cameras

Our annual **Touch-A-Truck** event is almost here! The event takes place Saturday, September 6th from 10:00am until 3:00pm with free admission outside and \$3 admission inside the museum! We want to see your organization's semi-truck, heavy construction equipment, emergency vehicle, or any other vehicle that children may find interesting and exciting! Our annual **Touch-A-Truck** even is intended to allow children to experience vehicles from the driver's seat right in MMCM's parking lot.

We are still in need of sponsors for this event as well! Sponsorships help us reduce admission to the museum for the day, provide goodie bag and craft materials for visiting children, provide live musical entertainment, provide lunch for our vehicle presenters and volunteers, and so much more! Without your sponsorship, events like this just aren't possible! For more information, a presenter's form, or a sponsorship form, reach out to [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org). Stay tuned to our Facebook page and September's newsletter for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's **Touch-A-Truck** event!

Summer doesn't slow down for us at MMCM! Don't miss us out in the community this summer! You can catch us at these events coming up:

- National Night Out at the Saginaw Soccer Complex on Tuesday, August 5th
- CU at the Zoo with Impact Saginaw at the Saginaw Children's Zoo on Sunday, August 10th
- Children's Fun Night at Haithco Park on Wednesday, August 14th
- Consumers Energy's Safety Fair at the Saginaw Service Center on Tuesday, August 19th
- Light Up the City at Bliss Park on Wednesday, August 20th



# SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025

## TOUCH A TRUCK

mid-michigan  
**children's museum**  
MiChildrensMuseum.org | (989) 399-6626  
315 W. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602

### FranknJude

### Jeff Poirier



### LIVE MUSIC FROM

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**PARKING LOT IS FREE!**  
**MUSEUM HAS REDUCED ADMISSION-**  
**JUST \$3 PER PERSON FROM 10 AM UNTIL 5 PM**

# Saturday, 10AM-3PM



# Dress Up, Cost Down Theme Weeks

Dress up according to our themes, each participant will earn \$1 off their admission! This doesn't count toward event days or summer camps.

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	July 29-Aug 2	Cowboy/girl
[REDACTED]	August 5-9	Super Hero
[REDACTED]	August 12-16	Retro
[REDACTED]	August 19-23	Mismatched Clothes
[REDACTED]	August 26-30	School Spirit
[REDACTED]		

## Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hey **\*|FIRST\_NAME|\***,

How are you? I hope you're happy and healthy!

They say staying active is one of the most beneficial practices you can adopt for your overall well-being. One of the best places to keep the little ones moving is the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, where our Fun 3 and Learn environment encourages burning off energy through exploration. It's a great place for families to engage in active play, while using walking

feet to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience!

At the museum, we emphasise safety. We strive to create an environment where both children and adults can freely explore without the worry of head bonks or other injuries. We try to facilitate a fun experience while also nurturing the explosive curiosity that children possess, encouraging them to learn through play. Our goal is to keep that electric spirit of exploration alive and thriving for as many years as possible, as it tends to wane as our knees get creaky! 🤖 We invite you to come and enjoy the excitement while fostering a lifelong love for play and learning in a safe, engaging atmosphere.

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

**Anagrams:** how to play: The original phrase has been scrambled into a new one. Take the given(new) phrase, and using each letter only once, try to create the original phrase.

This month's Anagram:

This month's Ana might be difficult; here's a clue: 384400km.

**Gone Home To Turns**

How did you do with last month's anagram?

**Folksy Hairdo Wire - Holiday Fireworks**

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