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## Ann Doyle President/CEO

“Community is a verb and it’s something you build intentionally.” — Morgan Monaco

September is all about the community. The month starts off with Touch-a-Truck on September 6th. MMCM relies on the community to make this event extra special for the children. Without the companies, municipalities, and individuals coming together, this event would not be possible.

MMCM relies on the generous donation of time by those who present their vehicle(s) as well as those donating their time to volunteer, to make this a great success! In addition, sponsors are needed to help with the cost of the event. This year has been a bit tougher to get sponsors, and we are hoping for some more to still come through!

Partnering with others is important to MMCM. We are fortunate to be partners with the Association of Children’s Museums and Nickelodeon to put on another fun day in September, the Worldwide Day of Play. This is another event for which volunteers are needed.

For more information on both of these events and how we need help from the community, keep reading this newsletter!

Can you help?

Do you want to volunteer or sponsor a future event? Please reach out to me or Emily at: (989) 399-6626 or via email:

Ann: [president@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:president@michildrensmuseum.org)  
Emily: [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org)



*Anna Doyle*

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# Touch-A-Truck 2025 Sponsors

**Mighty Motor: \$3000+**

Your Logo  
**HERE**

**Classy Chassis: \$2000**

Your Logo  
**HERE**

**Powerful Piston: \$1000**



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**Pit Crew: \$1 - \$249**

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## Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



Hosting your child's birthday party at the museum is a great way to celebrate their special day. Our dedicated team ensures that your party room is thoroughly cleaned before and after the party, allowing you to relax and enjoy the celebration without worrying about the mess.

You have the flexibility to personalize the room with tabletop decorations and create lasting memories with your family and friends. Our versatile rooms are available to rent for a wide range of occasions, including meetings, baby showers, family reunions, and holiday parties. Also, the museum can be exclusively rented for private after-hours parties or events, providing a unique and memorable experience. You can easily schedule a birthday party or rent a room in person or via phone.

For more information, please visit our website at [michildrensmuseum.org](http://michildrensmuseum.org), or give us a call at (989) 399-6626. Please be aware that as the weather gets colder, our birthday party rooms fill up fast! We recommend booking a few months in advance to secure your preferred date and avoid disappointment.

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### Birthday Parties

[More Info](#)

### Memberships

[Sign-Up](#)

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## Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

The “semi-official” end to summer has come. Thank you to all who participated in summer camps this year, and I hope to see everyone back next year. I am already starting to plan ahead, so keep an eye on our website for updates.

Now the museum is getting back into our school year routine. We have field trips already scheduled for September! Send your application in as



soon as possible for your desired day/time by clicking the button below!  
Our available dates book quickly, so it's first come, first served.

September also starts the fall updating of the museum. Some galleries are in the process of getting a few new items. We can't wait to hear what you think. If you have an idea or would like to help update an area, please reach out. I would love to hear from you!

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**Click this button to register for  
a field trip!**

**Field Trips**

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## **Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator**



Volunteers are needed for our biggest special event of the year! 12th Annual Touch-A-Truck is Saturday, September 6. Outside activities are 10am-3pm and indoor play is 10am-5pm. Kids can experience different vehicles such as firetrucks, semi-trucks, race cars, and so much more from the drivers' seats on this awesome day of learning and playing! The museum will also have several fun activities throughout the day like face paint, a bounce house, and make-and-take crafts! Volunteers are a crucial part of a successful event.

**Event day is Saturday, September 6** and there are 6 shifts available:

Shift 1: 7:30am – 9:30am

Shift 2: 9:15am – 12:30pm

Shift 3: 12:00pm – 3:15pm

Shift 4: 3:00pm – 5:15pm

Shift 5: 9:15am – 5:15pm

Shift 6: 7:30am – 5:15pm

These tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting in directing vehicles to park in assigned spot
- Entry level to experienced face Painters needed
- Setting up tents and moving fence pieces, picnic tables, and other larger items
- Monitoring a craft or activity like making vests, making school bus crackers, playing bean bag toss
- Maintaining a safe environment in the galleries
- Emptying trash cans in the parking lot throughout the event
- Handing out food and drink to volunteers and presenters
- Handing out goodie bags
- Monitoring the bounce house
- Monitoring a vehicle or table while the presenter takes a break
- Acting as mascots periodically 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 the barricades throughout the day

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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## Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

It's time for our 12th Annual Touch-A-Truck event! Our parking lot will be filled with cool and interesting vehicles for you and your child to get close to and explore on Saturday, September 6th. This outdoor portion of our event will be free from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.! Admission inside the museum will be reduced to just \$3 per person, for everyone ages 2 and up all day. There, we will have transportation-themed crafts and activities planned, like: making your own license plate, creating your own safety vests, and so much more! Lunch will be for sale during the day in our pavilion area, and Bouncing Bella's will be here with a specially themed bounce obstacle course!



We are still looking for trucks and other interesting vehicles to join us at this event! If you are interested, please contact us at [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org) or by calling the museum at (989)399-6626, by September 4th to participate.

Can't participate with a vehicle this year? We are also looking for sponsors still! Sponsorships can be committed up to September 2nd to be included

in event day posters.

MMCM is also excited to be gearing up for Worldwide Day of Play! Ditch the screens on Saturday, September 27th from 10:00am until 4:00pm with us at the museum for an awesome day of learn and play. We will be having a carnival day with the opportunity to play games and win some prizes! Also, don't miss out on awesome tunes with our all-day DJ and bounce house time from Bouncing Bella's! Regular admission rates will apply for this day. The museum will be open from 10:00am until 5:00pm.

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# 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



**PARKING LOT IS FREE 10-3 PM!**

**MUSEUM HAS REDUCED ADMISSION - JUST \$3 PER PERSON UNTIL 5 PM!**

**JOIN US IN THE MMCM PARKING LOT FOR FREE, RAIN OR SHINE, AT THIS INTERACTIVE EVENT FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART! TOUCH-A-TRUCK GIVES KIDDOS A CHANCE TO CLIMB ON, TOUCH, AND EXPLORE BIG TRUCKS AND VEHICLES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, ANTIQUE TRUCKS, BIG RIGS AND MORE!**

## Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Howdy \*|FIRST\_NAME|\*,

We have two orders of business this month!

First, the new website is up and running! I'm loving how easy it is to make changes and really get creative. It feels more versatile than the old program, so it pushes me to want to do things a little more elaborate. I have full control over each element, so I'm able to make them look and feel softer and more kid-friendly, so that's also a big win! I can also adjust things for mobile view, which I assume most people are seeing it from. Of course, it still looks best on a desktop, but it should be easily navigable on mobile!

If you haven't seen it yet, check it out here: [MiChildrensMuseum.org](http://MiChildrensMuseum.org)

Second, we are switching our CRM to another software in the coming months.

- What does this mean for you? You will start receiving emails, newsletters, and text messages from a new email address and a new phone number. Other than that, we hope you won't notice much difference during the transition, or after.

- What does this mean for us? We will be gaining a new platform that offers several additional useful tools. These include membership tracking, enhanced auction software, and a peer-to-peer fundraising platform that enables you to raise funds on our behalf. How exciting is that?!

Keep your eyes peeled for those changes. I will keep everyone updated and let you know when we will be rolling them out!

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:

**Avels Brutish Futon**

How did you do with last month's anagram?

**Gone Home To Turns - The Sturgeon Moon**

# Feel like making a charitable donation?

Click here to donate!

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**Please take a moment to see the businesses, foundations, and people  
who make what we do possible!**

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See Our Donors

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