



## Ann Doyle President/CEO

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead

This is the time each year that people and companies are looking at who they will help before the end of the year arrives. We are raising our hands high, saying choose us, as the Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum can certainly use your help. This year was tough when it came to grants and sponsorships for community events. But, before we go any further, let us show you what we accomplished in 2025 based on last year’s End of Year donations and grants:

- Replacement of two large windows with one in each of Airways and Classroom One, with a total cost of \$27,000. Thank you to grants from Michigan Arts & Culture Council and William F. McNally Family Foundation, plus individual donors who restricted their funds to the replacement.
- Donations received allowed for discounts to those serving/served in the military and their families, teachers, people on assistance, and members of the Museums for All program. In addition, donations were used for the unsponsored community events to lower the admission fee and cover the activity.
- Donations provided the needed funds to maintain the building and galleries in 2025.

2025 had another major project that had to be addressed. Early in the year, a grant application was completed to replace the automatic folding doors to the museum. The doors quit working properly, and parts were no



longer available. The application was specifically for museums, and unfortunately, it was denied.

About the time that we received the denial, the doors broke down even more. The board decided that action had to be taken immediately. We used general funds that had been set aside in case of an emergency. The new sliding doors were installed in July and cost just over \$41,000. We still need to repair the framing around the doors before winter hits, and donations are needed to cover this expense.

Your 2025 donations were put to good use, and we are very thankful! It is people like you who help us to keep providing a unique and fun place for children to play and learn in a safe environment.

In 2026, we will be focused on a new gallery that is currently being planned as a community build, special community events, field trips, and an upgrade to Mind Unwind. 2025 has already beaten 2024's field trip participant totals, and we have no plans to slow down in 2026! We work hard to raise money to help schools and daycares out with the cost when visiting the museum. The annual cost is approximately \$35,000 to provide the schools and daycares' admission for the students, up to two teachers per classroom, one STEAM lesson per student, and a stipend of \$50 per bus, up to two buses per school. Currently, we have received \$25,000 towards the field trips in 2026. Donations will help 4000+ students come to the museum to play and learn.

Your donation helps those in need, families of those who have served our country, and those who teach our children, to visit the museum. It also helps to maintain the museum and keep it safe and clean. We are asking for your help. We promise your donation will be used wisely. Thank you for helping MMCM!



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Erika Ardouin  
Board of Directors Chairperson

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## 2025 Board of Directors.

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## There are a few ways to pay:

### Credit Card (Online)

Credit cards can be used online by following this link: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/enoyapp20>

### Check

Print out and complete the appropriate form: personal or business.  
Checks can be made out to MMCM or Mid-Michigan Children's Museum  
Send the form and check to **315. W Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602**

### A printable form can be downloaded here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qEwla18YapxlkAaKiNZa8f9aYowtysBs?usp=sharing>

If printing is unavailable, you can forgo the form and just send us a check with a letter letting us know whether to apply your donations to one of our restrictions (Galleries, Facility, or Administrative) or to let us put it towards what is most needed (Unrestricted).

### Credit Card (Mailed)

Print out the form from:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qEwla18YapxlkAaKiNZa8f9aYowtysBs?usp=sharing>

(If printing is unavailable please call us at **(989) 399-6626**)

Complete the appropriate portion: personal or business.  
Include credit card information in the appropriate location.  
Send the form to **315 W. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602**

**We do not store any credit card information.**

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## Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Memberships and Gift Certificates are the perfect choice for families who want to give their loved ones an exciting and educational experience.

We offer three types of memberships: A Basic Membership, a Grandparent Membership, and a Premium Membership. For only \$25.00 per additional person, you can add up to two additional caregivers to any membership. All memberships are valid for twelve months and include member-only discounts on birthday parties and gift shop purchases.

Our Gift Certificates are available in any dollar amount and may be used for museum admission and gift shop items. They are also the perfect way to pay for a membership or use towards birthday party expenses.

To learn more about our memberships, click [HERE](#)

For gift certificates, click [HERE](#)

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## November's Reciprocal Membership



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**Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education**



November is sure to be a great month at the museum! We have field trips already starting to be scheduled for this year. This school year is going to be so much fun!

In addition to being your Gallery Guru and Education Specialist, I also operate the Tinkery, our gift shop. I love hearing that you find our prices reasonable and that you like our selection. Starting soon, I will be taking some of the gift shop on the road to different businesses. We take the hassle out of gift buying for Christmas. If you would like us to come to your business during lunch one day, please email me at [PlayEducator@MiChildrensMuseum.org](mailto:PlayEducator@MiChildrensMuseum.org) and I can work with you to set something up!

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

**Field Trips**

**November's Event - Power Play Nov. 8th**

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# POWER PLAY

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 2025**

**10:00AM - 2:30PM**

**10:30AM - 10:45AM WELCOME**

**11:00AM - 11:30AM Tooth-Tastic Fun**

**11:30AM - 12:30PM Money Machine Youth Finance**

**12:30PM - 1:30PM Expressive Drumming & Sound Therapy**

**TICKETS: FREE ADMISSION GENERAL ADMISSION: \$ 8.00**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY SAGINAW ALUMNAE CHAPTER MEMBER

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## Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteers are needed to help MMCM staff prepare for an important evening event on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Volunteers play a crucial role in beautifying the MMCM and creating a safe and sanitary environment. During this evening event, MMCM staff will be networking with local businesses and organizations to form partnerships that will help continue offering play and learn experiences for our guests. This event also gives community members the chance to learn more about MMCM's mission and the opportunities we provide for the community.

Individuals and groups aged 14 years or older are welcome to volunteer for set up and can sign up for multiple shifts.

For more information check out our website here:  
<https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteers/>

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](#)

## 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.

- Popsicle Stick Scarecrows
- Fall Leaf Suncatchers
- Popsicle Stick Turkeys
- Paper Plate Turkey Cars

The holidays are coming early this year! Join the MMCM elves Saturday, December 6th from 10:00am until 4:00pm for Holiday Hooray!, sponsored by Duperon! We'll have fun activities like cookie decorating, snowball toss, and learn your elf name! Don't miss out on seeing Santa take a break before the big holiday season! Admission will be just \$3 per person, ages 2 and older. Anyone under the age of 2 is always free! While the crafts and activities will end at 4:00pm, the museum will remain open until 5:00pm.



Ever thought about sponsoring an event? MMCM is always looking for organizations to partner with to make our events the best they can be! Sponsorships help the museum provide craft and activity materials for the day, goodie bags, entertainment, and even help reduce the admission for the day.

Every sponsor receives recognition in our monthly e-newsletter, on our website and social media pages, the opportunity to present an informational table at our event, and admission passes that can be used at the event, or any other day the museum is open! Sponsorships can even be made anonymously.

Reach out to Emily at [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org) to find out more about event sponsorship opportunities.

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## December's Event - Holiday Hooray! Dec. 6th



**Sponsored By:**




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## Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



My Dearest *\*/FIRST\_NAME/\**,

*The cold months draw near once more, and the days, once bright and full, now wane too swiftly. Each evening, the theft of light comes sooner, as though the heavens themselves usher us toward the long repose of winter. I know not how much time remains to me, though my heart whispers that this may well be our final correspondence...* From this newsletter e-mail address. 🤪

As long as everything goes according to plan, we will be switching over to the new system this month! Not much changes for you other than the email address from *whence* you receive these lovely newsletters. You can expect the same quality expert excerpts, from *yours truly*, only they will be delivered by: **MidMichiganChildrensMuseum@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com** instead.

Be sure to add it to your safe senders/contacts so it doesn't go to spam, and keep an eye out for more fun things we have coming!

Thanks, as always, for making it to the end of the newsletter!

**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:

**Hulk Fart Envy** 🤪 It was too good not to use.

How did you do with last month's anagram?

**Sake Soy Spoon - Spooky Season**

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**Feel like making a charitable donation?**

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