

Ann Doyle, CEO/ President



"Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!" **– Dr. Seuss**

Dear MMCM friends:

The Mid-Michigan Children's Museum's goal is to bring as many children as possible to the museum. This is done with community events, summer camps, field trips, and offering discounts to those children who are on assistance of some sort, and general admission to the museum. We cannot do this without our community partners.

GM Metal Castings granted $20,000 to the museum via their GM Corporate Giving Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to provide free field trips to the museum in 2026 for schools, including pre-schools.

In addition to the GM Metal Castings grant, two private donations totaling $5200 were given, and we received notice in May that another grant of $4500 has been awarded. For 2026, that's a total of $29,700. The breakdown of grant-covered fees* used through June is:

91 schools
1105 $1 lessons
213 $2 lessons
408 staff
3016 students
79 buses

$22,601 Total Used

(January through June)

*Based on 2025 group rates due to the grant application being written in 2025.

This is AMAZING and EXCITING! More field trips are scheduled in July and going through the rest of the year.

Kids at Heart, the museum's annual fundraiser, makes up the difference between group rates and regular admission for field trips, expenses, and admission not covered by sponsorships for community events, supplies needed for lessons and summer camp, and more, with the net funds raised.

Thank you to every person, company, and foundation that has helped with getting children to the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. It truly does take a village.

Have a wonderful start to summer, and don't forget to visit Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

Sincerely,



Ann Doyle

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Adopt-A-Bed



Grow something beautiful!

Help make our pavilion area a vibrant, welcoming space for everyone to enjoy all season long!

Adopt one of 12 raised flower beds and *make it your own!*

We provide the raised bed, soil, and water.

You provide the flowers and tools needed.

You are responsible for the weeding and upkeep of your raised bed.

You receive 4 Family Passes: 1 in June, 1 in July, and 2 in August!



This program is ideal for individuals, families, groups, or businesses who can commit the time to care for their bed throughout the season.

Your time and care help our space thrive!

Only ~~12~~ 7 Available!

Reserve your raised bed today!

Spots are limited and available on a first come-first served basis.

Don't miss out!

Scan to sign up now!

For questions call (989) 399-6626 or E-mail Emily at SpecialEvents@MiChildrensMuseum.org

Only 7 flower beds remain, so be sure to sign up soon - they're going fast! Any additional submissions will be added to a waitlist in the event a flower bed becomes available.

Sign Up Here!



Diane Novak, Museum Experience Coordinator

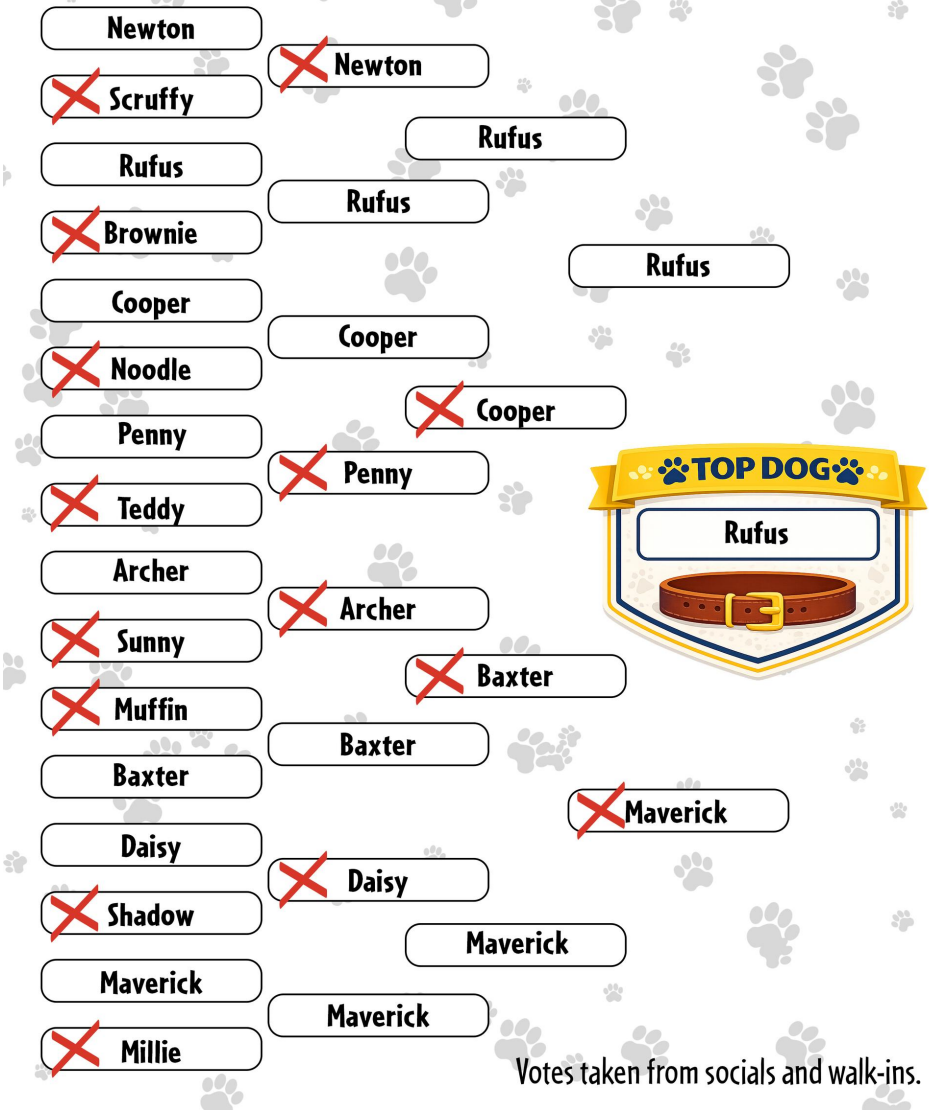
When you visit the museum this summer, spend some time in our 'Scrap Studio' gallery. You'll find materials like empty water bottles, egg cartons, cardboard tubes, and more. With new items added each week to inspire unique craft projects, the possibilities are endless. In our 'Art Mart' gallery, you can draw or paint a picture to take home and display on your wall to add a touch of creativity to any room.

We love seeing all the unique artwork! Before you leave, please stop by the reception desk and show us the creations you and your child/children have made together.

For more information, you can check out our website MiChildrensMuseum.org or call the museum (989) 399-6626.


PLEASE WELCOME
RUFUS
TO THE MUSEUM!
TOP DOG
RUFUS

Name That Dog Tournament



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



June marks the end of the 2025-2026 school year. We are grateful to all the groups that were able to visit us this school year and are excited for many of them to visit again next year. June also marks the official start to summer and summer camps at the museum. We have so many fun themes planned for the kids. Lastly, we will have Toddler Time through June this summer, with the help of Bay-Arenac ISD bringing activities. Stay tuned for more details.

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MMCM Summer Camps

Limited scholarship funding available.
Contact Jessie - PlayEducator@MiChildrensMuseum.org
or at (989) 399-6626

Hands-on camps for kids ages 5-11, all summer!

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Tues-Thurs • $90 Non-Members • $75 Members

This camp is $100 for members, $115 for non-members

Color My World: Art & Music




June 9–11

Create instruments, paint masterpieces, and learn keyboard basics while exploring your artistic side.

Engineering for Elementary




June 16–18

Design, build, and think outside the box with hands-on engineering challenges.

Let's Get Down to Business




June 23–25

Turn ideas into reality and learn how to create and market your own product.

Galactic Space Adventure




July 7–9

Explore planets, build rockets, and discover the power of the sun and moon.

Steel Chef Cooking Creations




July 14–16

Cook kid-friendly recipes and take on fun mystery ingredient challenges.

Back to the Past




July 21–23

Travel through time with hands-on activities, historic toys, and recipes from the past–ending with a special visit to the Castle Museum.

LEGO Mania




July 28–30

Build cars, bridges, and massive group creations using STEM concepts.

M.A.D. Scientists




Aug 4–6

Experiment, explore, and create in a hands-on science lab experience.

Summer Starts Here!

Summer Camps **Field Trips**



Whitney Watt, Volunteer Coordinator

Summer camp volunteers are needed to assist in hosting fun and educational Summer Camps for children aged 5-11 years old. Volunteers play a crucial role in providing a safe and educational experience for campers. Volunteer requirements are at least 16 years old. New volunteers must submit an application and a background check on MMCM's website at least 2 days before the camp start date.

If you are a returning volunteer, you DO NOT need to submit a new application. Send an email or call with your first & last name, camp name & date, and shift time you would like to volunteer.

For more information. Contact Whitney by e-mail with the button below or by phone: (989) 399-6626

E-mail Whitney Volunteer Registration Volunteer Group Reg.

Volunteer of the Month - June 2026
Bob Schmidt



Bob Schmidt began volunteering at MMCM in September 2021 at the Touch-A-Truck event and has attended every Touch-A-Truck event. He volunteers with event setup and cleanup and even brings a vehicle to present! In 2025, Bob joined the planning committee for Touch-A-Truck to help make the event bigger and better. Bob has a wide array of skills and knowledge that he shares with MMCM and applies to current and future gallery updates. Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is so grateful for the contributions of volunteers like Bob!

"It is an honor to be selected as the volunteer of the month for June 2026. I owe a big thank you to my daughter Emily, without whom I would not have known the museum existed. Emily first asked me to exhibit our race car and ramp truck for "Touch A Truck". Later, I became more involved with TAT and other events. It has been a rewarding experience, and I look forward to being involved with these events and many more in the years to come." Regards- Bob

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THURSDAY,
JUNE 25, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM

FREE

CELEBRATING USA'S

250th Birthday!

LOCATION:
MID-MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
315 W GENESEE AVE, SAGINAW

INDOOR/OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, GAMES, GOODIES, GIVEAWAYS, AND MORE!

MMCM REMAINS OPEN
FROM 10AM - 4PM
WITH SELECT ACTIVITIES!

TOUCH-A-TRUCK!

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Emily Schmidt, Special Events Coordinator



Red, white, and BOOM! Join MMCM and Credit Unions Impact Saginaw on Thursday, June 25th, for a fun celebration of America's 250th anniversary! Admission for this day will be free! Don't miss out on all day, bubble stations, bean bag toss, photo booth, music, and more! From 11 am until 2 pm only, there will be additional community organizations, a bounce house, goodie bags, free hot dogs, popsicles, and popcorn! Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more information.

Summer doesn't slow down for us at MMCM! Come see us in the community this summer! You can catch us at these events:

· The Castle Museum's Summer Kickoff on Saturday, June 6th

· D.E.A.R. at the Saginaw Children's Zoo on Wednesday, June 24th

· National Night Out at the Saginaw Soccer Complex on Tuesday, August 4th

It's also time to begin planning for our 13th annual Touch-A-Truck!

Are you looking for a short-term volunteer opportunity? We are seeking help for our Touch-a-Truck planning committee. Committee members may be responsible for assisting in securing sponsorships and participating vehicles, organizing crafts and activities for the day, and helping to arrange volunteers for the preparation and completion of the event. It's a great opportunity to help put smiles on the faces of children!

Touch-a-Truck will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm this year! The outside portion is free to the public, and children get to experience vehicles of all types by climbing into them and imagining themselves driving a dump truck, a fire truck, an emergency vehicle, a race car, and many more. With additional crafts and activities around the museum, it's sure to be a fun day of "Play and Learn"! Keep an eye on our Facebook for more updates on this event.



Jeff McLellan, Marketing Director

Howdy *{{First Name}}*,

It's officially summertime, or at least it will be on the 21st. But you know what that means! It's time to travel! There's lots to see in this BEAUTIFUL mitten-shaped state we call home. If you're traveling with children or enjoying a "stay-cation" here at home, the Mid-Michigan Children's

Museum is a great stop to add to the list! We have lots of fun and interactive exhibits, and a relaxed Play and Learn atmosphere perfect for a mid-trip slowdown! We also have "boats" and "water." Okay, sure, our boats are *slightly* smaller (and toys), but they're still fun! Even though the boats are toys, the water is real, so bring a change of clothes; it can get splashy!

See you this summer!

And thanks, as always, for making it to the end of the newsletter.

For those of you who are new here, I like to include something fun and interactive at the end of the newsletter. This year, I'm doing word searches! The words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, AND they can appear forwards OR backwards to make it a little more challenging. Clicking on the image should take you to a website where you can complete it digitally! Enjoy!

June 2026 @ MMCM

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8. Flowers **9.** Barbeque **10.** Play **11.** Learn **12.** RedWhiteBoom **13.** ImpactSaginaw
14. JoltCU **15.** Moonstone

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