



# Fingerprints

**Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* Dec.'08/**



## Anniversary Gala & Festival of Trees; Holiday Main Street Wrap



The Children's Museum  
311 Main Street  
Utica, NY 13501

Our beautiful historic building, transformed into a holiday wonderland, is adorned with uniquely designed trees. They will be available for bidding through November, and are also up for sale on our museum website's secure shopping cart. Purchase them, and *your donation not only supports our programs, it's a tax writeoff!*

Friday, November 21st, 2008 we kicked off our Annual Anniversary Gala & Festival of Trees with a VIP sponsor reception, followed from 6:30 to 10:30pm by our Gala/Festival of Trees for the evening's attendees.

Thanks to our Gold Sponsor: Meyda Tiffany, for the magnificent chandelier that hangs in our inner foyer! How about those roof signs?! Pictures below don't do justice to seeing CM live!

Thanks to our Silver Sponsors: Color Ad Signs, Serianni Signs, Oxford Medical Imaging, GPO Federal Credit Union, National Grid, Walmart, M & R Heating & WKTV.

Thanks to our Bronze sponsors: Dove Laser Center, McDonald's, Con-Med, Burns Agency, First Niagara, GoldMine Jewelers, Dan Trevisani & Carbone Auto Group.

Saturday, November 22nd, the Festival was open to visitors to view the Holiday Wonderland, bid on items left.

Saturday, November 29th, our Annual Holiday on Main Street, features Santa & Mrs. Claus, live holiday music; balloon making & washable tatoos.

Special Admission for these two Sat. events is: \$7. per person (members & children under 2 free) Regular admission: \$9. for adults; \$8. seniors; \$7. children 2 to 17.

Circle of Champions: Helping Fund "Children's Museum's Future Vision." More info on website.

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[www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)

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**VOLUNTEER:** Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY. Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



## ~ Director's Report: Anniversary Gala/Festival of Trees Wrap \* New Pricing Structure \* Request to City/County \* Exhibits/Programs

**Holiday Events:** Honorary Co-Chairs Congressman Mike Arcuri, Utica Mayor Dave Roefaro, & Co. Exec. Tony Picente & their wives attended our Fri. night, Nov. 21st Anniversary Gala & Festival of Trees. Sat., Nov. 22nd, was the Family Festival viewing; Sat., Nov. 29th was our Holiday on Main Street.

**Admission:** Our new pricing structure is: \$9. for adults; \$8. for seniors; \$7. for children 2 to 17; free for members & children younger than

2 yrs of age. In order to do this, we're closing a bit earlier.

**Request -** Original founders never expected the museum would grow the way it has. **We've never received funding from the city or county for operations, but our Board recommended that we request this in the future. In exchange, we'll provide special lowered admission for city & county residents. Our Circle of Champions asks our community to help**

Fund our Future Vision.

We're proud of our 1,000's of interactive exhibits /60 pavilions, creating an educationally enjoyable experience for all who visit. *Check exhibits pg - read neat CM blog.*

**NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs** offered Pre-K, Daycare, Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, families enjoy outings & bdays, tourists enjoy exhibits. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen. **Come on in!**



### ~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~

Our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk opened July 25th with our founders present! In addition to those who purchased bricks, the following deserve special recognition for helping make this happen: NYS Senator Joe Griffo & Roger Sinnott. Purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification and renovation of our historic building, supporting our community treasure. Only \$75., each brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms available in museum or on website.

### There's Always a Rainbow at CM!

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum, one of the oldest in the country -a safe, fun, learning environment -is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. We continue renovations and new exhibits. What better place to bring \* youngsters on a field trip \* scouts to earn

#### Children's Museum Board

Dan Trevisani, Joe Ruggiero, Art Rapp Jr., Michael Pilawa, John Stephenson, Joanne Palumbo-Mozloom, Jeannette Swiderski; Ed Waszkiewicz, Matt Chmielewski; CPA Vin Gilroy

*Museum Executive Director:*

Marlene B.

Brown



*Museum Staff:* Sarah Babcock, Theresa Vella, Jeff Sterling.

*Volunteer:* Exhibits Manager,

## CM Heroes Serve our Children: Corp Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List

*We welcome volunteers.* There's no greater reward than helping the children. **How?** You can assist with scheduled activities, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, or help by donating to **Our wish list:** toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educational items of value.

These will give you a renewed

sense of pride as *we continue to serve.* We value your support.

*A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Levels of corporate sponsors are:* a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, a \$10,000 Oviraptor, and \$25,000 T-Rex.

Our Fund the Vision Campaign

is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page).* Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

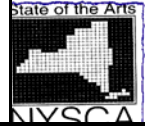
**Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!**



# Dec. '08/Jan. '09 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

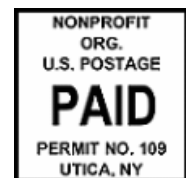
Made possible with funds from NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs & Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
							11-15 Legos/ Space Science
11-16 <i>Closed</i>	11-17 Crafty Creations	11-18 Cute Critters	11-19 <i>Closed</i>	11-20 CLOSED for SETUP	11-21 CLOSED 'til 6:30 GALA	11-22 FAMILY FESTIVAL TREES	
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	2-16 to 2-20 Winter Break		2-18 <i>Closed</i>		3-28 Sci Tech Student Fair		

Visit the Children's Museum! Check our website, call 315-724-6129, come in! Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Animals/Insects, Legos, Arts/Crafts, Weather & Radio Rms, Halls Fame; *4th floor* - Airplanes, Fire/Police, NASA/Office Science \* Nov. Festival of Trees & Holiday on Main Street

**Contact Info: The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* T: 315-724-6129 E: info@museum4kids.net**



**Hours: Open Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:45a-3:30p; Sat. 10:00a-3:45p; Closed Wed. & Sun. & some holidays (open Jan.: Mon., Thurs., Sat.) Ck online calendar. Admission:\$9.adults; \$8. seniors; \$7. children 2-17; Members & children under 2 Free**



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**Important Info in Dec. '08/Jan. '09 Issue**

- ☺ Anniversary Gala/Festival of Trees
- ☺ Holiday on Main Street \* CM Renovations
- ☺ Executive Director's Report / Our Friends
- ☺ You Can Help: Volunteers & Sponsors
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



**CM's Heroes & Heroines: *they continue to make a difference.***

- \* NYS Senator Joe Griffo \* Mayor Dave Roefaro \* Co. Exec. Tony Picente \* Congressman Mike Arcuri
- \* Oxford Medical Imaging, GPO Federal Credit Union, Walmart, National Grid \* Meyda Tiffany
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- \* First Niagara Bank \* Carbone Auto Group \* Mac Clark/McDonald's \* Roger Sinnott \* John Nogas
- \* Pratt Whitney HMI Metal Powders \* Prevalare Life Science \* Sherwood Boehlert \* Bradley Zacek
- \* Princeton Lab \* Mike Pilawa \* Tim Perry \* Dan Trevisani \* Community Foundation \* Colin Hubbell
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- \* Big Apple Music \* Ralph Eannace \* WUTR \* Utica.tv \* WKTU \* Utica O.D. \* Regent Broadcasting
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