

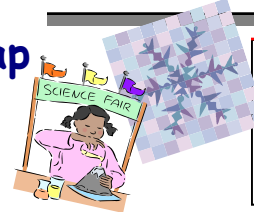


# Fingerprints

**Fingerprints is a bi-monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* Dec. '09 - Feb. 2010**



## Festival of Trees & Lights Wrap Winter Break at the Museum Science Fair & Future Visions!



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**Festival of Trees & Lights**  
uniquely designed trees, wreaths & centerpieces are up for viewing & sale thru Dec. 29th in our historic building. Purchase them, support our growth, take a tax write-off!  
Thanks to all who helped make our Gala a success: Congressman Mike Arcuri & NYS Senator Joe Griffo; the amazing Utica College Aramark caterers; Tim Perry, Carlton Boone, & The Lawless Band; John Nogas & Brad Zajack who created a festive holiday décor with a Hawaiian twist.  
Among tree sponsors were The Hartford, National Grid,

& Radiology Associates. Area co's sponsored neat Gift Baskets, wreaths & centerpieces. LED tabletop trees decorated by Utica elementary schools reflected our Festival's multicultural celebrations.  
Santa & Mrs. Claus added to our Family Festival & Holiday on Main Street.  
**Winter Break Week** (Feb. 15th - Feb.20th, '10) will again feature several neat activities, plus 100's of interactive exhibits on our 4 floors! View the Agenda online on our website.  
The Children's Museum

**7th Annual Science Fair**  
will be held at the museum Sat. March 27. Prizes include electronic gift certificates & ribbons. We are the only children's museum in the country adopted by NASA & Office of Science. "As U.S. children struggle to compete with young minds in other nations, we need to open their eyes to the wonders of science & technology, the future disciplines."  
-Exec. Dir. Brown. View registration on website.

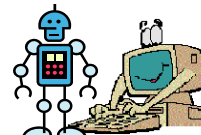
## CM chosen 1 of 3 MV Chamber's Biz of Year finalist + Kids Komputer Saturday Science Activity!




**December 10th, 2009**, Our Children's Museum of History & Science was nominated as 1 of 3 finalists in the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award, honoring what they call 'the Mohawk Valley's BEST' (Category: NFPs under 50 employees). Come on in and see for yourself why and how we earned this award!

**Kids Komputer Saturday Science-** "Hi, my name is Josh & I like to fix computers! Does your Mom let you take computers apart? Have you ever wondered what's inside a computer or wished you could fix a computer problem? I've been taking computers apart since I was a youngster and there is no better way to learn! Find me on Saturday's 12noon to 1:00pm in The Children's Museum of History & Science, we'll learn together!" Sessions start on Sat., Dec. 12th and continue on future Saturday's. Cool stuff for kids of all ages!

*Included in the normal admission fees.*



**VOLUNTEER:** Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your family or group to this unique one of a kind Children's Museum right here 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: Jan's Warm in CM ~ February Winter Break ~  
March CM Science Fair ~ Our Growth & Future Vision Requests ~



**December Events:** Come view our Annual Festival of Trees & Lights!

**January Events:** Come in out of the cold to enjoy our 4 floors of fun!

**February Winter Break Events:** The week of Feb. 15th, we'll be open 5 days. Ck our website for activities.

**March Science Fair:** Sat. Mar. 27th we'll hold our 7th Annual Science & Technology Fair. More info on web.

**Our Growth:** 2002-opened 4th floor adopted by NASA & Office Science. 2003-installed new HVAC & Int'l Hall Fame. 2004-redid entranceway. 2005 -installed energy efficient windows.

2006-Hot Wheels Hall opened.

2007- certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. 2008-installed new lighting throughout + new roof signs, commemorative brick sidewalk; 2009-new LED dance floor & touch-screen exhibits.

**Our Future Plans:** We are awaiting grant request approval to install a new green solar panel roof (current roof's leaking); 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre; 3rd floor bathrooms; 2nd floor new carpeting; and a Green Butterfly/Eco pond out back.

**Funding Requests:** Please check our website's Future page. We currently run our operations on admissions & donations and have asked the City and County for contributions we would use to reduce admission for residents & school children & we're applying for United Way. We'd appreciate your support in these endeavors.

**Admission:** \$7. children 2-17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; members & under 2 yrs free. 60 pavilions w/1,000's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*



**Stay Tuned!** We're planning a neat spring event where adults can play like kids! Keep checking our website for details!

**Honor the Past & Pave the Future** Our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk recognizes support from our Brick purchasers, NYS Senator Joe Griffo & the late 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., @ 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. One of the oldest in the country, a safe, fun, learning environment, CM is a definite asset to the MV & CNY, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. What better place to bring \* youngsters on a field trip \* scouts to earn badges \* family for a great day out \* children for a fun time?

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**Executive Director:** Marlene B. Brown; **Museum Staff:** Theresa Vella, Sarah Babcock. **Intern** Nick Locorino; **Volunteer:** Exhibits Manager, Earl Lewis.

**CM Heroes; Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List**

*We welcome volunteers.* to assist with activities, program in areas of expertise, help keep museum shipshape, donate to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, DVD players, LCD's, educational items of value. These give you a renewed sense of pride as *we serve our community.*



**Corporate Memberships** positively impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services. Check out our Sponsors & Donors



page on our website and join them!



# Dec. '09-Feb. '10 Calendar

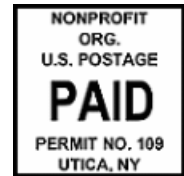
Check online calendar for updates

We currently receive no funding for operations from the City, County, or State, thus we rely on the many visitors, donors, and sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Education Enrichment Programs & many Exhibits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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*Come Visit! 1st fl -PlaySpace, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot, Saturn, Dentist Office, Micro Rm, Grocery Store; 2nd fl - DancePlay Floor, Longhouse w/Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; 3rd fl-Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rooms, Halls Fame: BRCK; 4th fl - Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science.*

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* Tel: 315-724-6129 Open: Monday, Thursday, Saturday from 9:30am-2:30pm; Open extra days during holiday & school break weeks. Check online calendar. We lock front door 1 hr before closing to facilitate shutdown. Admission fee: \$7. children 2- 17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults. Members & children under 2 Free.



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- ☺ Holiday Wrap / Winter Break Activities
- ☺ Komputer Kids Science Sat's / Science Fair
- ☺ Our Funding & Our Future Vision
- ☺ Your Help: Volunteers, Sponsors, Friends
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



**CM's Heroes & Heroines: Helping Fund "The Children's Museum's Current Growth & Future Vision."**

**NOTE:** As of this date, we receive no City, County, State, or Federal funds for Operations costs.  
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