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How many of us go up the North Genesee bridge over the Train station daily? Did you ever notice the Children's Museum of [History, Science & Technology](#) located on 311 Main Street in historic Baggs Square? Well I had noticed it several times and never went into it until last year. Last year was the museum's first Festival of Trees. I heard Marlene Brown, the Executive Director talking about the Festival of Trees on WKTV and the need for tree designers. I volunteered to help with the decorating and decorated 4 trees for the festival. I walked into the museum to place my trees in the museum and was just blown away by the museum. When you first enter The Children's Museum, you see hands on exhibits and a very clean, spotless, fun and safe environment. I was asked by Marlene Brown, the Executive Director to join the board and become a part of the museum family. I have attended 2 ribbon cuttings for new exhibits this year which include the new LED [play](#) dance floor located on the second floor of the museum and a fantastic Lionel Train exhibit located on the third floor. The fourth floor is the coolest of the floors in the museum. This floor houses exhibits about NASA and the space industry. The museum is the only museum to be adopted by NASA. This museum is a hands on way to teach children about the things they learn in a text book. In the Children's Museum, a child can learn by actually touching and playing with exhibits that cannot always be learned in text books. The museum has over 60 pavilions and thousands of exhibits, [of interest to children and adults of all ages](#).

I have seen the museum grow this year with the guidance and tireless efforts of Marlene Brown, the Executive Director, her dedicated staff and Board of Directors. There is so much history in there that people may not be aware of. And something else people may not be aware of is that the museum receives no city, county, state, or federal funding [for operations](#). I am asking everyone in the community to please support The Children's Museum's upcoming holiday events starting with their GALA and Festival Trees and Lights [on Friday, November 20, 2009](#) from 6:30 to 10:30 and the Family Festival of Trees [Saturday, November 22, 2009](#) from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information please go to their web site www.museum4kids.net

Sincerely
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