



Fingerprints

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Halloween BooBash; Holiday on Main Street; Anniversary Gala; Annual Campaign Drive

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UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sat, Oct 28th: Bring the kids to our Halloween Boo Bash, 10am-2pm, featuring Treat Stations; Costume Fun; arts/crafts; Haunted Hall, & the 100's of hands-on exhibits!

Sat, Nov 25, 2006 - 10am to 4pm, The Children's Museum Holiday on Main Street features programs on the various holidays celebrated in our community, holiday music, holiday arts & crafts, face painting, balloon making & Santa!

Sat., Dec 2, 2006 - The Children's Museum 43rd Anniversary Holiday Gala (Black tie optional) (from 6:30 to 10:30pm)

Catered food, full bar, live music, fun auction. Donation only \$85 per person / \$150 per couple (*pre-paid*). Tickets available on our secure shopping cart at www.museum4kids.net

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WHAT'S NEW: we'll be working on our Annual Campaign Drive, asking for your support to help us continue to grow. (see Directors Report pg. 2)

In Sept we renovated & added new exhibits. Hamilton College volunteers came in, washed our windows & cleaned!

NEW ON 1ST FLOOR: Sound in our Playspace life-size train for tod-

dlers 3 & under, and our Exploration Station for kids 4 to 10. from Jr. League + a Microbe Rm for kids of all ages

NEW ON 2ND FLOOR: a trading post, sponsored by Oneida Nation. + a cool fossil dig center by the GE Elfuns.

NEW ON 3RD FLOOR: updated Radio Room. + a neat Truck Stop dig!

NEW ON OUR 4TH FLOOR: an interactive Space Scale & a History of Exploration exhibit.

COMING SOON: interactive Robots on all 4 floors + 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre & Mission Control Center!

For kids from 1 to 101



~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Commemorative Brick Project Debuts Soon!

PROUD PARENTS
CONGRAT'S TO
JOHN DOE '03

Initial laying of the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk soon. To join our Charter group, purchase personalized engraved bricks for the paved sidewalk in front of the museum to commemorate your support for our community treasure.

Only \$75., each brick holds 14 characters per line, up to 3 lines. Form on our website.

Charter members: Joan T. Shkane Esq, Mukesh Shah, Nicholas Calogero Jr, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, Northern Safety, Dr. Philip Reitz, Dr. Anthony/Carol Mandour, Dr. Leo Sullivan, Garro Drugstore, Don/Linda Dresher, Bader

Reynolds, Les/Mackie Kernan, M & R Heating, Dr. Demetrios Skamas, Joanne Torchia, Junior League, Marlene Brown, Rotary eClub NY1, Steve Genett, John Stephenson, Sandi Burrows-Schmidt, Frank Gruenewald, Megan Sclaro, Oneida Indian Nation, Jack Lucid, Utica First Ins., Barb Schuck.

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 we're gone!

Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



Director's Report: Gearing Up for: Annual Campaign, Field Trip Visits, Halloween Boo Bash, Holiday on Main Street & Our Anniversary Gala



We're starting our Annual Campaign Drive. Once a year we turn to our friends and neighbors for their and your support. We don't receive any funding from the city or the county. Thus, in addition to visitors, tourists, members & sponsors, we rely on corporate donations, public & private funding sources & fundraisers.

Congressman Boehlert's comments help spur us on: "The Children's Museum is a tremendous educational asset for the youth of our area. The funding I secured ... will help

write the next chapter of the ... Museum's ongoing success story."

We're enthused about several new exhibits and our fall events, our Sat. Oct. 28th Halloween Boo Bash, our Sat. Nov. 25th Holiday On Main Street, and our Dec. 2nd Anniversary Gala.

We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits, in 60 pavilions, creating an educationally enjoyable experience for all who visit.

We're delighted when local visitors & tourists alike praise

our museum & what it offers.

NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators: Pre-K, Daycare, Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, families enjoy outings, & parents book children's birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's four floors of interactive exhibits. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe. View more on web: www.museum4kids.net/ Come on down and see why!



We Need Your Help w/a CM History Book!

We frequently hear from/about people who have been involved over the 43 years of our Children's Museum existence, and often get asked why we don't have a book on our history. So we're going to begin one & need your help! Please call or email Director Marlene Brown with any information you may have about the formation/growth of the museum, exhibits, and/or people involved.



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 badge * family for great day out * children for fun time?

CM Board of Directors

Officers: Betsy Snyder Esq., Dan Trevisani, John Stephenson, Rebecca Schafer, Patrick Quinn Esq. **Board Directors:** Jack Cassidy, Linda Drescher, Anna Giacobbe, David K. Griffith, Brian Healey, Jen Herzog, Terri Palmiero, Joe Ruggerio, Kathy Slocum, Joan T. Shkane Esq., John Snyder Esq., Margaret Splain.

Museum Executive Director: Marlene B. Brown; **Staff & Educators:** Christie Hubbard, Alison Polivka, Mandy Hajjar. **Volunteer:** Exhibits Manager & Birthday Host Earl Lewis.

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



We welcome volunteers. There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? 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, educa-

tional items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve the children, our future.*

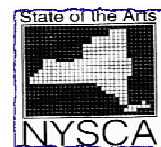
A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Our *levels of corporate sponsors* are: a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, a \$10,000 Ovirap-

tor, and a \$25,000 T-Rex. We value your donations & support.

Our 43rd Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page)*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products and services.

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





October '06 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		9-26 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-27 <i>Closed</i>	9-28 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	9-29 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-30 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's	
10-1 <i>Closed</i>	10-2 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	10-3 11a / 2p Caring for Critters	10-4 <i>Closed</i>	10-5 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	10-6 11a/2p Crafty Creations	10-7 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's	
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10-22 <i>Closed</i>	10-23 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	10-24 11a / 2p Caring for Critters	10-25 <i>Closed</i>	10-26 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	10-27 11a/2p Crafty Creations	10-28 CM Hal- loween Boo Bash 10am to 2pm	
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11-5 <i>Closed</i>						<u>Sat, Nov 25</u> Holiday on Main Street	<u>Sat, Dec. 2nd</u> 43rd Anniver- sary Gala

Join educators, families & groups who book *educational field trips* to the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us at 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Trading Post, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Science Room, Animals/Insects, Legos, Computers, Arts/Crafts, Weather & Radio Rooms, Truck Dig; Halls Fame; *4th floor* (open 11:30a-12:00p, 1:00-1:30p & 2:30-3:00pm) Airplanes, Fire/Police exhibits, NASA/Office of Science exhibits, Carriage/Buggy exhibits, Hot Wheels Hall. www.museum4kids.net

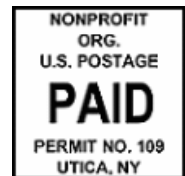
MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Oct. 28th AM Halloween Boo Bash at museum; Nov. 25th Holiday on Main Street, all day at Children's Museum; Dec. 2nd - 43rd Anniversary Holiday Gala / Great Friends to Kids Award at The Children's Museum. Check Online Calendar for 2006-2007 events

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Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm;
Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm; Closed Wed.
& Sun. & some holidays. Check online
calendar for holidays & renovation closings.

Admission: \$8.00 for adults & children;
Members + under 1 yr Free (*reduced member
fee for some events*). Group rates available.



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

* Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * NASA * Office of Science * Roger Sinnott
* Herk/Oneida Co Community Foundation * National Grid * Oxford Imaging * Homogenous Metals Inc.
* County Executive Joe Griffo * D.A. Michael Arcuri * Herkimer Co Com College * C.O.P.P.S. Medical
* Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Dr. Nancy Shaheen * Mark Scheideman * M.V. Business Women * APAC
* Met Life Foundation * Gannett Foundation * Con Med * Partners Trust * RigAll: Patty & Rusty Williams
* Princeton Lab * Connie Grube * Ted Kibiuk * Sandi Burrows-Schmidt * Smiley the Clown * T. W. Conroy
* MVCC's Ric Riccardo * Kim DesJardins Interiors * Associated Textiles * Ground Round New Hartford
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* Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig * Utica P.O. * H.R. Beebe * Pinny/George Kuckel * Piano Lab * SUNYIT * Utica O.D.
* Big Apple Music * Ralph Eannace * Levene, Gouldin, Thompson * Consentino Snyder Quinn * Indium Corp
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