



# Fingerprints

**Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* November 2006**



## Holiday on Main Street; 43rd Anniversary Gala Benefit; Circle of Champions Campaign



**Sat, Nov 25, 2006** - 10:00am to 4:00pm, bring your family & friends to this fun family event that celebrates the holidays.

The Children's Museum Holiday on Main Street will feature the following: Twinkle the Elf \* Face painting & Balloon making \* Kindermusik for Munchkins \* Lite 98.7 DJ live in our Radio Room \* Carols by New Horizons Barber-shop Chorus with sound by Tim Perry \* Caricature drawings \* Utica Post Office commemorative postmark envelope \* Create Cultural Holiday Arts & Crafts to take home \* Let the kids play with our trains & take a ride in

our airplane \* Special \$7. per person admission includes all activities + 100's of hands-on exhibits on our 4 floors. (reduced member fee \$5.)

**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 by Blue Flag, live music by Cleff Dwellers, fun auction. Honorary Chair, our friend Congressman Sherry Boehlert. Donation only \$85 per person / \$150 per couple (pre-paid). Tickets available on our secure shopping cart at [www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)

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

We attended the 1st NYS children's museums conference. More on this next month!

1st floor: Sound in our trains + a Microbe Room. 2nd floor: trading post + fossil dig. 3rd floor: updated Radio Room + a Truck dig! 4th floor: interactive Space Scale & a History of Exploration. **SOON:** interactive Robots + Surround Sound Theatre Mission Control Center! *For kids from 1 to 101*

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

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## ~ 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 Scolaro, 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 you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



## Director's Report: Gearing Up for: Field Trip Visits, Holiday on Main Street, Circle of Champions Campaign, Our 43rd Anniversary Gala



We've started our Circle of Champions Campaign. We'll be asking our community to take advantage of the opportunity to partner with us and help Fund the Vision, for the families, children, & schools we serve.

As Congressman Boehlert said: "The Children's Museum is a tremendous educational asset for the youth of our area. funding I secured ... will help write the next chapter of the ... Museum's ongoing success story." We'll be looking for other Champions to be part of that success story.

James Chung, keynote speaker for the first NYS children's museum conference said, "Children's museums are playgrounds to help discover and explore why the world works the way it does."

We're enthused about several new exhibits & upcoming events, our Nov. 25th Holiday On Main St & 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 Pre-K, Daycare, Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, families enjoy outings & birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's four floors of interactive exhibits. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen. View more on web: [www.museum4kids.net/](http://www.museum4kids.net/) Come on down & have a great family day!



### 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 Dresher, Anna Giacobbe, David K. Griffith, Jennifer Herzog, Terri Palmiero, Joanne Palumbo-Mozloom O.D., Arthur Rapp Jr., Joe Ruggerio, Christine C. Schram, Kathy Slocum, Joan T. Shkane Esq., John Snyder Esq., Margaret Splain.

**Museum Executive Director:** Marlene B. Brown; **Staff & Educators:** Christie Hubbard, Mandy Hajjar, Sean Ireland. **Volunteer:** Exhibits Manager & Birthday Host

## 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.

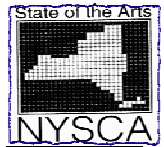
Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!



# November '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
		10-31 11a / 2p Caring for Critters	11-1 <i>Closed</i>	11-2 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	11-3 11a/2p Crafty Creations	11-4 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's
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11-12 <i>Closed</i>	11-13 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	11-14 11a / 2p Caring for Critters	11-15 <i>Closed</i>	11-16 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	11-17 11a/2p Crafty Creations	11-18 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's
11-19 <i>Closed</i>	11-20 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	11-21 11a / 2p Caring for Critters	11-22 <i>Closed</i>	11-23 <i>Closed Thanksgiving holiday</i>	11-24 11a/2p Crafty Creations	11-25 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's
11-26 <i>Closed</i>	11-27 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	11-28 11a / 2p Caring for Critters	11-29 <i>Closed</i>	11-30 <i>Closed for Gala decorating</i>	12-1 <i>Closed for Gala Setup</i>	12-2 <i>Closed during day: Gala 6:30-9:30pm</i>
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						<u>Check Online Calendar for other months</u>

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

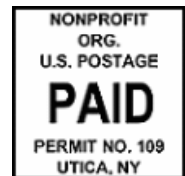
MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Saturday, November 25th Holiday on Main Street, 10:00am to 4:00pm at The Children's Museum; Saturday, December 2nd - Our 43rd Anniversary Holiday Gala Benefit & Great Friends to Kids Award at The Children's Museum. Check Online Calendar for 2006-07 events

## Contact Info:

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Natural History, Science & Technology,  
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501  
T:315-724-6129 E:info@museum4kids.net

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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tered by NYS Board of Regents.  
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Assoc of Children's Museums D.C.  
\* Be a sponsor, member, volunteer  
\* Purchase from our Gift Shop

### Important Info in our November 2006 Issue

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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 \* Tim Perry
- \* 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 \* Joan T. Shkane
- \* MVCC's Ric Riccardo \* Kim DesJardins Interiors \* Roger Sinnott \* Dr. Donald Rosinski \* The Blue Flag
- \* Marshall & Glenn Space Centers \* Rocketdyne \* K&K Trains \* Bob Malara \* Mike Zarnock \* T.W. Conroy
- \* Dr. Ted/Melva Max \* Alice P. O'Shea \* Les/Mackie Kernan \* Seneca Inn \* Walmart \* Proctor High School
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- \* Madonia Electric \* I.B.E.W.#43 \* Junior League \* Bank of Utica \* Col. & Mrs. Kurt Hoch \* NYSERDA
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