



# Fingerprints

**Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* Dec. '06 / Jan. '07**

## Celebrate at our 43rd Anniversary Gala Benefit; Be Part of our Circle of Champions Campaign



Sat., Dec 2, 2006 - Come celebrate with us at The Children's Museum 43rd Anniversary Holiday Gala from 6:30-10:30pm (*Black tie optional*). Catered food & full bar by Blue Flag, live music by Cleff Dwellers, plus a fun holiday auction.

Join Honorary Co-Chairs Congressman Sherry Boehlert; NYS Senator Ray Meier, NYS Senator-elect Joe Griffo; Congressman-elect Mike Arcuri; Evening Sponsor HMI; Bd. CoChairs Joan Shkane, Jack Cassidy w/Joanne PalumboMozloom, Arthur Rapp Jr, Christine CoughanSchram & the other members of our Board.

Donation only \$85 per person / \$150 per couple

(pre-paid). Tickets are available in the museum or on our secure shopping cart. (\$95@ at door)

Proceeds benefit the museum's History & Science Education Centers.

**WHAT'S NEW:** Kids can put their letters to Santa in the red mailbox outside our museum!

**HOLIDAY GIFTS:** Give a gift of a museum membership, gifts from our Gift Shop, a Children's Museum 2007 Calendar, our Smart Shoppers Bk.

**CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS**  
At the NYS children's museums conference, we shared CM was adopted by NASA & the Office of Science - Keynoter

James Chung said, "I hope your community understands how fortunate they are to have that kind of resource, that positively changes the lives of children."

We're asking you to Partner With Us; Join our Circle of Champions Campaign. Take advantage of the opportunity to help us Fund the Vision, for the families, children, schools we serve. As our friend Sherry Boehlert said, "help write the next chapter of *The Children's Museums on-going success story.*"

Kids from 1 to 101 enjoy the experience.

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

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*Visit us on the web:*  
[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.



## ~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Be Part of Commemorative Brick Project!

Join our Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk Charter group. Purchase your personalized engraved brick 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. Download 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 Drescher, 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.



## Director's Report: Attend our 43rd Anniversary Gala Benefit, Join our Circle of Champions Campaign, Celebrate the Holidays with Us



We're enthused about several new exhibits & upcoming events, including our Dec. 2nd Anniv. Gala.

We've started our Circle of Champions Campaign. We're 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 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 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 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, tourists enjoy exhibits.

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, Patrick Quinn Esq. **Directors:** Jack Cassidy, Arthur Rapp Jr., Joanne Palumbo-Mozloom O.D., Christine Cougan-Schram, Joan T. Shkane Esq., Joe Ruggerio, Anna Giacobbe, Terri Palmiero, Jennifer Herzog, Kathy Slocum, John Snyder Esq., Margaret Splain.

**Museum Executive Director:**

Marlene B. Brown

**Museum Staff:** Christie Hubbard, Mandy Hajjar, Sean Ireland.

**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!



# Dec. '06 / Jan. '07 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 & Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			Dept. of Energy Office of Science				11-25 Holiday On Main Street
11-26 <i>Closed</i>	11-27 11a/2p Music 4 Munchkins/ Caring 4 Critters	11-28 11a/2p Children's Crafts / Music 4 Munchkins	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 6:30pm-9:30pm</i>	
12-3 <i>Closed</i>	12-4 11a/2p Music 4 Munchkins/ Caring 4 Critters	12-5 11a/2p Children's Crafts / Music 4 Munchkins	12-6 <i>Closed</i>	12-7 11a/2p Puppet Theatre/ Arts & Crafts	12-8 11a/2p Crafty Creation / Puppet Theatre	12-9 Legos, DJs, Space Sci- ence, Critters,	
12-10 <i>Closed</i>	12-11 11a/2p Music 4 Munchkins/ Caring 4 Critters	12-12 11a/2p Children's Crafts / Music 4 Munchkins	12-13 <i>Closed</i>	12-14 11a/2p Puppet Theatre/ Arts & Crafts	12-15 11a/2p Crafty Creation / Puppet Theatre	12-16 Legos,DJs, Space Science, Critters, Trains	
12-17 <i>Closed</i>	12-18 11a/2p Music 4 Munchkins/ Caring 4 Critters	12-19 11a/2p Children's Crafts / Music 4 Munchkins	12-20 <i>Closed</i>	12-21 11a/2p Puppet Theatre/ Arts & Crafts	12-22 11a/2p Crafty Creation / Puppet Theatre	12-23 Space & Dinosaur & Train Holiday Family Fun	
12-24 <i>Closed</i>	12-25 <i>Closed Christmas holiday</i>	12-26 11a/2p Children's Crafts / Music 4 Munchkins	12-27 <i>Closed</i>	12-28 11a/2p Puppet Theatre/ Arts & Crafts	12-29 11a/2p Crafty Creation / Puppet Theatre	12-30 Legos,DJs, Space Science, Critters, Trains	
12-31 <i>Closed</i>	1-1 <i>Closed New Years holiday</i>	1-2 11a/2p Chil- dren's Crafts / Music 4 Munchkins	1-3 <i>Closed</i>	1-4 11a/2p Puppet Theatre/ Arts & Crafts	1-5 <i>Closed for reno- vations</i>	1-6 Legos,DJs, Space Science, Critters, Trains	
1-7 <i>Closed</i>	1-8 11a/2p Mu- sic 4 Munchkins / Children's Crafts	1-9 <i>Closed Tuesdays in Jan. for renovations</i>	1-10 <i>Closed</i>	1-11 11a/2p Puppet Theatre/ Arts & Crafts	1-12 <i>Closed Fridays in Jan. for renovations</i>	<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)

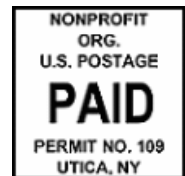
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — Saturday, December 2nd - Our 43rd Anniversary Holiday Gala Benefit & Great Friends to Kids Award at The Children's Museum, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. Saturday, December 23rd — Holiday Dinosaur/Space Fun. Check our Online Calendar for our 2007 events

## 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

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

Admission: \$9.00 for adults & children;  
Members + under 1 yr Free (*reduced member  
fee for some events*). Group rates available.



A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit char-  
tered by NYS Board of Regents.  
Member Museum Assoc. of NY &  
Assoc of Children's Museums D.C.  
\* Be a sponsor, member, volunteer  
\* Purchase from our Gift Shop

### Important Info in Dec. '06/Jan. '07 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 \* hmipowder.com
- \* County Executive Joe Griffo \* D.A. Michael Arcuri \* Homogenous Metals \* The Fountainhead Group
- \* Oxford Imaging \* Indium Corp. \* Con Med \* Joan T.Shkane Esq.\* Jack Cassidy \* National Grid
- \* Princeton Lab \* Utica Fire/Police Dept's \* Mark Scheidelman \* Kurt Wiehenstroer \* The Blue Flag
- \* Met Life Foundation \* RigAll: Patty & Rusty Williams \* Herk/One County Community Foundation \*
- \* Dr. Nancy Shaheen \* Sandi Burrows-Schmidt \* M.V.Business Women \* M & R Heating \* Burns Agency
- \* MVCC Ric Riccardo \* Roger Sinnott \* Partners Trust \* Bill Morehouse \* Smiley the Clown \* Tim Perry
- \* Marshall & Glenn Space Centers \* Rocketdyne \* K&K Trains \* Ted Kibiuk \* Bob Malara \*The Hartford
- \* Dr.Ted/Melva Max \*Alice P.O'Shea \*Les/Mackie Kernan \*T.W.Conroy \*Walmart \* Proctor High School
- \* GE Elfun's \* Quadsimia \* advantechcny.com \* Northern Safety \* Earle Reed \* Utica Nat'l \* Bonide
- \* Madonia Electric \* The Junior League \* Bank of Utica \* Col. & Mrs.Kurt Hoch \* NYSERDA \* Jay K
- \* Zangrilli Engineering \* Drs. Anthony Furino/John Hamlin \* Ed Waskiewicz \* Oneida Nation Foundation
- \* H.J.Brandeles \*Wilcor/Your Store \*Hannaford's \*Garro Drugstore \*Wendy Leach \* Dr.Donald Rosinski
- \* McQuade & Bannigan \* Pacemaker Millar \* Surgical Associates \* Mike Zarnock \* Dr. Patricia Laino
- \* Charles Higgins \* Dr.Joel Amidon \* NBT Bank \* Utica First \* F.X. Matt \* John Stephenson \* APAC
- \* Allen Gilberti \* Mark Andrello \* Time Warner \* Herk. Co. Comm. College \* C.O.P.P.S. Medical
- \* 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 \* Utica.tv
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