



Fingerprints

Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History & Science November 2001

5th Day Annual Gala Fundraising Event at Children's Museum Saturday December 8th

Join us on December 8th, 2001 for the 39th annual *5th Day Holiday Dinner Dance Benefit* for the Children's Museum. The event will be held *Saturday, December 8th from 6:30pm to midnight* at the Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY.

The \$75.00 per person cost includes open bar; gourmet dinner catered by Café Nero; dancing to the music of Vinny Esposito and Holidaye, and a chance to bid on 100's of items in a large silent auction. The silent

auction items - donated by area artisans, businesses, & restaurants - are a fun way to find unique gifts for the holiday season, with attendees enjoying a one-stop shopping area at a gala event.



If you have something special you would like to donate to the silent auction (to help CM raise money &

have the opportunity for your product or service to reach the 100's of people who attend), please call the Museum at 724-6129 by Nov 15th.

Co-Chairs Marlene Brown and David Pendergast, and the Board of Directors, along with *Honorary Chairs* County Executive *Ralph Eannace, Jr.*, Utica Mayor *Tim Julian*, & Assemblywoman *RoAnn Destito*. invite you to join us!

Check our website or call us for more info.

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

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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Christmas on Main Street 2001 Saturday Nov 24th!

Memberships will not be honored this day, but the Museum will be offering a reduced price of only \$2.00 per person.

Folks in CNY know Main St is where we usher in the Holiday Season. It's a day of music, arts and crafts, fireworks & the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Clause. This year festivities begin at

10:00am on Sat Nov 24th. The Museum will be open from 10:00am—6:00pm when the fireworks end.

This year's events in the Museum include: **10:30am** special **Holiday**

Music for Munchkins, 11:00am *Storytime* Puppeteer, 11:30am *Columbus School* chorus performs.

At 12:30pm Santa arrives outside via the North Pole Express. From 1:30 — 5:00pm, we'll have a variety of events, including Greg Michel's *Kids Against Pollution* Wisdom Walk, the *Zo-omobile*, WI BX broadcasting out of *the train* next to the

Museum, *arts & crafts* projects, making *decorations* for Christmas, Ramadan, Hannukkah, & Kwanzaa. We might even have some Jr. Deputies & Jr. Firefighters!

Union Station will also have several events. At 5:30pm the *tree lighting* takes place, followed by a gigantic *fireworks display!* See you there!

Things You Can Count On, including 5th Day on Dec. 8th!

Listed below are the activities that run each week unless noted:

Every Tuesday at 11:00am

STORYTIME FUN, an interactive experience for children, parents, and caregivers. Each week will be a different enjoyable time learning about letters, colors, numbers, pre-historic animals, pets, holidays.

Every Wednesday at 10:30am

MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS, a fun musical program designed for toe-tappin' toddlers. Sing & dance to favorite tunes, march along with

favorite instruments. A special surprise stuffed animal ending!

Every Thursday at 10:30am

ARTS & CRAFTS, a hands-on fun and interactive art time at the Museum. Come and create a new craft each week. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

What's New:

WEEKLY THEMES: Every week, we'll have a different & timely theme that we'll follow in our regularly scheduled programs.

CONTEST: Help the children fill out our fun contest of the month & qualify for a free CM t-shirt!

JOIN US ON 5TH DAY!

**5th Day
Children's
Museum**



Save the Date!
Saturday, December 8th
311 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501
[Join us at our Gala Fundraising Event](#)

Honorary Chairs:
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October Birthdays



Molly Nunn, 2 yrs old
Brittany Doolen, 6 yrs old
RJ Lamanna, 6 yrs old
Jamonica Fowler, 2 yrs old
Robert Graham, 8 yrs old
Jordan Pfluke, 4 yrs old
Haylet Mielnicki, 5 yrs old
Sophia Tsoupelis, 3 yrs old

Family Membership Sale, only \$35.



From October 1st until November 30th, the Children's Museum is offering a discount on Family Memberships. This is the time to sign up for another year and save money too! Take advantage of this limited time offer to renew your membership or sign up a friend or relative. Children's Museum memberships make great gifts. Membership includes discounts at the gift

shop, Fingerprints for a year, and the new & exciting & ever changing fun of learning. Those who renew, or become a member, or purchase a membership for someone else, have a chance to win a \$25 Tops gift certificate! Forms in our museum or on our website.

New exhibits coming in Dec,
including a musical exhibit and
an exhibit of artifacts from
the Utica Fire Department!

Volunteers Needed & Corporate Members Wanted

We are in need of volunteers during our busy holiday season.

There's no greater reward than helping the children. What can you volunteer for? Helping out with regularly scheduled programs. Offering a program in your own area of talent or interest. Helping to keep the museum in ship-shape condition, using your area of expertise. Volunteering to help on Veterans

Day, Christmas on Main St Day, or at our 5th Day Gala. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as **we continue to serve the children.**



A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community.

The **kids that come to the Children's Museum** are the ones that grow up and shape our community.

Our levels of corporate sponsors include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, & a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, we welcome, & we need your support.



November Calendar

This service is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Thank you also to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for funds provided through the Herkimer County Youth Bureau to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



				1 11:00am Storytime Fun	2 Explore our fun & educational exhibits	3 Visit living science, his- tory, explo- ration & play space areas
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Join the many local families & groups who book their birthday & holiday parties at the Children's Museum, and the many schools throughout CNY who book educational field trips at the Children's Museum! Check our website or call us at 315-724-6129 for further details.



Contact Info:

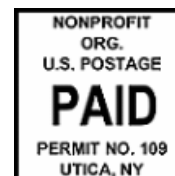
The Children's Museum
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501
Telephone: 315-724-6129

Museum Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 10:00am to
4:30pm; Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm
Two Sunday's a month 12:00pm to
4:30pm (unless noted on Calendar)

Admission:

\$3.50 per person, Members plus
children 12 months & under Free



Important Information in this Issue

- ☉ Christmas on Main Street on Saturday November 24th & Our Calendar Events
- ☉ Our Annual 5th Day Holiday Dinner Dance benefit for Children's Museum, Saturday, December 8th
- ☉ School Educational Field Trips
- ☉ Birthday & Holiday Parties
- ☉ Family & Corporate Memberships
- ☉ New Exhibits & Contests!

5th Day Children's Museum



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Welcome our New & Renewed Members!

Dawn & David Bard

Adam & Lynette Beach

Sharon Calhoun

Patricia & Loren Chapman

Lisa & David Corbett

Jennifer & Dennis Coughlin

Kevin & Elyse Fee

Lori & Thomas Fiorentino

Judy & Mark Giruzzi

Denise Gribanoff

Mary Lourdes & Tracy Heaton

Samuel & Cynthia Lamanna

Melissa & Gary Love

Lisa & Greg Orlando

Joan & Vincent Restive

Susan & Anthony Salerno

Diane & Alan Schnier

Kimberly & Mark Shelhamer

Allan & Susanne Tecler

Mary & Dwight Vicks

James & Jackie Watson

Brooke & Mark Webster

Mylissa Wheeler

Loella & John Wind

Lisa & Thomas Wind

your name next month?



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