

# UPCOMING

## Annual Fundraising Events 2010

Golf Outing  
Kids – Mystery Dinner Event  
Fall Murder Mystery Event  
Area Festivals & Outside Promotional Events  
Annual Letter Drive

**MANY WAYS IN WHICH YOUR  
DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT CMF  
DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE USED FOR  
VARIOUS PROGRAMS OFFERED AT CMF.**

**YOUR DONATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
CREATES A THOUSAND LAUGHS AND BUILDS A STRONG  
FOUNDATION FOR A LIFE TIME OF LEARNING**

Dawn Dish Soap, White Corn Syrup, Construction Paper, Glue Sticks,  
Staples,  
Finger Paints, Corn Starch, Hydro-Gel, Scotch Tape, Hand Sanitizer,  
20 1b. White Paper: 8 ½ x 11 & 11 x 17, Card Stock Paper White and  
Various  
Bright Colors 8 ½ x 11

Monetary Tax Deductible Donations can be made payable to:  
CMF  
PO Box 1101  
202 East Main Street  
Fennville, MI 49408

### **ENDOWMENT FUND:**

To Ensure future sustainability an Endowment is established  
for the Children's Museum of Fennville with

Allegan County Community Foundation  
524 Marshall Street  
Allegan, Michigan 49010

\*\*CMF notation required on the memo line.



Dear Friends,

The Children's Museum of Fennville is asking for your immediate financial help. Our doors must stay open! Economic times are tough, but the future of our communities lies in the very small hands of our children. ***We all have a responsibility*** to provide the very best opportunities for our youth. As we take a hard look at our values and net worth, there is one thing that I ask of you not to over look, and that is our most valuable resource – our youth. Can we afford to continue to cut the educational opportunities for our area youth? Can our children continue to compete in this ever changing world, when 0-5 educational programs are being cut and or eliminated?

**“What you make of your education will decide nothing less than the future of this country. What you’re learning in school today will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges in the future.”**2009 quote from the President of the United States. In a 2000 report published by the National Academy Press, *“From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development,”* researchers agree that **early learning is critical** to the continuation of lifelong learning, “because it sets either a sturdy or fragile base for what follows.” **Neuroscience confirms that the first years of life are essential to future learning.** So I ask again, can we afford to continue to cut the educational opportunities for our area youth?

There are approximately 350 children’s museums worldwide introducing families to a world of possibilities every day. We are an extension of that global community dedicated to creating a strong sense of wonder, awe and inspiration in every person that interacts with us. The CMF is a place where learning is more than an education – it is fun and entertaining! It is a safe place that brings a world of possibilities to families who want the best for their children. We provide family interaction and experiences that touches the life of a child, creating positive lifelong memories. We offer extended learning opportunities for children of all ages and abilities, special discounted rates for field trips, corporate outings and large groups during a taxing period for our area schools, home-school families, businesses and families.

Although as the CMF continues to grow and we seek funding from various sources...**far and away individual contributions are the most significant source of funding we depend upon.** We are seeking your support and consideration in making a pledge to support the hope of our future – our children.

Your donation to CMF may be mailed to: PO Box 1101, Fennville, MI 49408. The CMF is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Sincerely,

*Mary*

Mary Cone Kasprzyk, Executive Director & Founder  
Children’s Museum of Fennville