

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 lb. White Paper: 8 ½ x 11 & 11 x 17, Card Stock Paper
White and Various Bright Colors 8 ½ x 11**

MONETARY DONATION

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. Any amount that you can donate is *greatly and truly appreciated*. It takes support from throughout the community to make the children's museum a success. From major corporate and individual gifts to pennies from school children, every donation counts towards the continuation of our programs and services.

Sincerely,

Mary Cone Kasprzyk, Executive Director & Founder

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