The Year in Review!

Visitors have seen the return of Sensory Friendly Days to TCM! We are excited to bring back this successful program with many improvements. Held quarterly, this event allows our visitors to experience the museum without all of the loud noises & large crowds. We are very thankful to our sponsors: Surfers for Autism, Colorado Pawn & Jewelry, and The Hope Center! Our next events are scheduled for September 23rd and January 27th. Registrations are mandatory online.

As we come to the end of our fiscal year, we look back on the many programs made possible this past year from generous donors. We also take the time to look forward and plan new programs to keep children engaged and excited to visit the museum. We wouldn’t be able to do this without your support.

This year we add new outreach programs. We ask for the following donations from our wish list:

**Event 2-Way Radios $400**
**Projector & Screen $5,000**
**Inflatable Travel Planetarium $60,000**

All donations, monetary and in kind, will be appreciated and acknowledged with a tax letter. Please call 772-225-7575 ext. 201 if you’d like to make a donation. Thank you from our hearts, but most importantly the hearts of the little ones!
The Children's Ball returned to the Treasure Coast after 10 years and it was a complete sell out! The Children's Museum, which is known for its out-of-the-box ways of educating children with hands on, non-stop FUN, was adorned with brightly colored balloons, circus games, colorful characters and unique performances. The Children's Museum was completely transformed into a Big Top Circus for the evening. Kids and adults were entertained throughout the entire evening with unique performances, strolling magicians, juggling acts, balloon art, dog shows and even a live monkey show.

This Ball was about the kids but the adults had a fantastic time too! Guests were encouraged to dress up in festive circus themed attire so some wore gowns and costumes, dressing as Princes and Princesses, while others wore clown costumes and circus dresses, so much fun! The kids were treated like royalty and had their very own kids buffet, provided by Sonny’s BBQ of Stuart and their own sundaes and dessert bar, provided by Whit’s Custard of Stuart. The event raised over $16,000 thanks to generous donors and supporters.

The 10th Annual Purse Party Sure to be a Sell Out

The Children’s Museum of the Treasure Coast hosted its 10th Annual Purse Party Monday March 19, 2018 at the beautiful Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club. The Museum is thrilled to announce this year’s Purse Party was a complete sell out! It's every girl’s dream come true, being surrounded by designer handbags, shoes, fun accessories and jewelry and this event offered it all, plus a little more. Guests were treated to a tasty signature “frocktail” cocktail, a free massage from the Gentle Chiropractor, a wide array of designer merchandise and other goodies. This year’s Celebrity M.C., Kelley Dunn did an amazing introduction to the event and Fashion Show lead by Heidi Monsour. This year’s show featured clothing and accessories from Harbour Bay Shoppes, Style Encore and Matilda Jane.

The purpose for this annual girly get-together is to raise funds for The Children’s Museum’s Educational Community Outreach, Scholarship Programs and Future Exhibits. This year’s event raised over $70,000 for exhibits and education. Proceeds from this event directly support community educational outreach for students, classrooms and camp scholarships.

Donor Highlights 2017-2018

The Children’s Museum of the Treasure Coast was honored to receive some very generous gifts from some amazing people this past year. Each year the Children’s Museum hosts a fun casual Donor Appreciation Dinner in December and this season started off with some fantastic unexpected surprises. Not only did Mrs. Audrey and William Crandall graciously sponsor last year’s dinner, they also donated $10,000, matching a challenge presented by long time donor David Smythe. Mr. Smythe surprised the room when he took the microphone and announced he would donate $10,000 if the room would match his donation. Mrs. & Mr. Crandall answered the call to action and matched the gift dollar for dollar. Other folks in the room also donated, including Mr. Dennis Puskarik, who will be including the Children’s Museum in his trust!

Another major surprise came in July 2018 when the Children’s Museum was notified by Mr. Peter Avonda that the late Mrs. Jewel Marvin and her husband was gifting stock valued at almost $100,000! According to her obituary, Jewel Spencer Deering Marvin, passed away on December 25, 2017. She lived in Vero Beach, Florida and was formerly of Port St. Lucie and North Palm Beach. Jewel was a Virginian by birth, the daughter of the late James William Spencer and Ethel Mason Spencer. She was a graduate of Averett College and The University of Mary Washington, after which she was affiliated with the F. B. I. until her marriage to golf professional Arthur Doering, who passed away in 1988. In 1992, Jewel was married to Edward Stuart Marvin, retired employee of The Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. The Children’s Museum is honored to be a recipient of this generous gift!

The Children’s Museum has also received some continuing annual support from RE/MAX of Stuart, The Humane Society, Publix Charities, The Junior League of Martin County and Marsha and Mike Cetta who have pledged a $50,000 gift over a 5 year period. The Children’s Museum is honored that the leaders in the community believe in and support our mission to offer children and families a safe place to explore and learn through hands-on activities, educational programs and cultural experiences. The Children’s Museum is dedicated to providing a safe, state-of-the-art, environmentally conscious atmosphere where curiosity and self-confidence are fostered in children, adolescents and adults.

Special Events:

The Children’s Museum often hosts many fun special events that include crafts, games, entertainment and much more. These events offer discounted admission prices and a variety of activities for families along the Treasure Coast. This past year’s events included: Fall Fest, Monster Dash 5K, Haunted House Carn-Evil, Trick or Treat at the Museum, Holidays Around the World, Eggstravaganza, Sensory Friendly Days, Movie Nights and many more. Attached are some of the memorable moments captured throughout the year.

The Children’s Museum also received a $25,000 grant from Mr. Robert Bauman through the Bauman Family Foundation. Funding from the gift was used to renovate the Toddler Beach exhibit, adding new fall height flooring to the entire space. Many other improvement were also made possible with the gift, thanks to Mr. Bauman.

Welcome New Board Members:

Danny Plummer • Kristin Crall • Kira Libratore
Stephen Dillemuth • Jennifer Salas

Upcoming Events:

- September 19 • 10am - 4pm
- September 23 • 10am - 12pm
- September 29 • 10am - 12pm
- October 5 • 6pm - 9:30pm
- October 6 • 9am - 12pm
- October 18 • 6:30 - 9:30pm
- October 19 & 20 • (Museum Closed during the day)
- October 27 • 2pm - 4pm
- November 1 • 10am - 5pm
- November 2 • 6pm - 9:30pm
- November 10 • Children’s Ball = Superhero Smash!
- December 7 • 6pm - 9:30pm
- December 8 • 4pm - 7pm
- December 21 • 6pm - 9:30pm
- February 9 • 6pm - 9:30pm

Talk Like A Pirate Day
Sensory Friendly Day
Worldwide Day of Play
Movie Night
Yard Sale
Haunted House
Haunted House
Trick or Treat
National Author’s Day
Movie Night
Holidays Around the World
Movie Night
Kids at Heart Gala