

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2017

Quarter 4, 2016

**Where does a snowman
keep his money?**

A snow bank!



KEARNEY AREA

**children's
museum**

Museum Hours

Monday – Closed for Cleaning
Tuesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission

Members – FREE

Children under 12 months – FREE

Children (12 months – 12 yrs) – \$7.00

Adults (13 to 59) – \$6.00

Senior Citizens – (60+) \$5.00

Membership Rates

Family-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month

Grandparents-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month

Patron-\$125 for one year | \$14 a month

Daycare-\$102 for one year | \$11 a month

Day Care Center Plus-\$192 for one year | \$20 a month

Sharing and Caring Scholarship -\$12 for one year
(Income Guidelines apply)

*Add Plus Two -\$12 more for one year | \$1 a month



Good-bye 2016, hello 2017! What a year! We met an astronaut, created a custom toddler-train table, and hosted an amazing haunted house; just to name a few of the fun activities we've experienced in 2016.

With over 55,000 visitors this past year, we have been able to meet some incredible friends. It is such a joy to see the family relationships blossom at the museum. Whether it's gathering groceries with grandma or driving the police car with dad, relationships are grown and interactive experiences are made.

In order to help create all of these special opportunities for our guests, we rely graciously on the donations from the community. A way that you can help is by attending our 10th Annual Treasure Chest fundraiser on Saturday, February 18th. There will be a delicious dinner, fabulous entertainment by the Amazing Arthur, and a silent auction. You can get your tickets today on our website!

Thanks again for all that you do to help us inspire play, exploration, and discovery for families! 2017 is going to be a year to remember!

Traci Winscot
Executive Director





BRING YOUR VALENTINE FOR AN EVENING OF DINNER &
ENTERTAINMENT WHILE SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE!

10th ANNUAL
Treasure Chest
FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY
February 18
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

6:00 P.M.
cocktail hour
7:00 P.M..
dinner served

YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER

416 W. Talmadge Road, Kearney, Nebraska

\$50 *per* TICKET ~ \$500 *per* TABLE

Silent auction will be held and a performance from
"The Comedy Mentalism of the Amazing Arthur"

cocktail attire and cash bar

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THE COMPASSION PROJECT
TO BENEFIT



SOZO AMERICAN CUISINE

110 S 2ND AVE. KEARNEY, NE | INSIDE THE HOLIDAY INN

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH, 2016

Partial proceeds on all sales between the hours of
5:00pm-9:00pm will benefit the museum.

ANGUS BURGERS & SHAKES

421 TALMADGE ST, KEARNEY, NE | NORTH OF YOUNES CENTER

THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH, 2016

Partial proceeds on all sales between the hours of
5:00pm-9:00pm will benefit the museum.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Lona Mason

Why is the museum vital to our community?

It provides opportunities for learning and social interactions that might not otherwise be available for kids. Especially for young children who are not currently in school. They get to learn vital social skills like how to be respectful and share with others while in a fun and safe environment.

Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I love working with kids and enjoy being helpful, especially with arts and crafts. It's important for me to be a part of something that has made a positive impact on me and my family. I love the museum and hope that by volunteering I am helping the museum succeed for years to come. I am also a stay-at-home Mom and desire to use any free time I have to give back to my community.



Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Contact Jennifer Beck, Director of Community Engagement at: jennifer@kearneychildrensmuseum.org

Member Spotlight

Rusher Family

Derek and Meggie Rusher

Why is the museum vital to our community?

We see the museum having a positive impact on our community. It is more than just a fun place to play. Their involvement in the community through community outreach events and other special events makes it a very valuable asset to our community. We look at the museum as a positive investment in our children and their future.

What do your children learn at the museum?

The museum offers so many different exhibits for our children to create, touch, build, explore and to play which helps our children gain mental, physical and social skills that are necessary to succeed in their adult lives. It also teaches our children basic skills like sharing, being respectful, using manners, and patience.



How does the museum help your family?

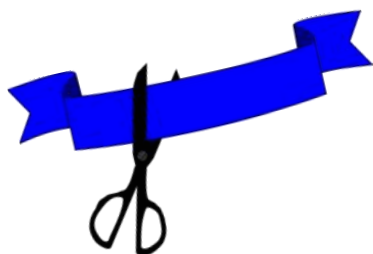
The museum helps our family play. We believe that play is such an important activity for our children to learn about and interact with their world. Having a safe and clean place where our kids can explore and learn new things each time we come is very important to us. Being a part of a place like this, that also provides numerous events throughout the year to share special memories with our children, has been so amazing to our family.

Exhibit Updates

We celebrated the opening of our expanded Agriculture exhibit which was made possible by the help of our local Dawn Rotary, UNK Rotary Chapters, and the KHS Woodworking Class and their instructor, Trevor Clark.

We also opened our new Founders Nook that shares our historic beginnings back in 1989. Our hot air balloon theme was based off the first large exhibit purchase of a hot air balloon! We are grateful for the forward thinking from our founding board members and community supporters when they laid out the vision for the museum!

Renovations being made in our Performing Arts exhibit are almost complete! We have added new instruments, costumes, fresh murals and a new marquee. Be on the lookout for more information regarding a ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new space!



In the Works



Construction: We now have new child size helmets, work vests, and safety goggles!



Train: A special feature will be added in Dobytown Junction!



Science: New activities for older kids will be coming in 2017!

2017

Board of Directors

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Ashley Ott*	Jodi Eckhout
Stefanie Goodall*	Chad Randles*
Patricia Mahrt-Rolberts*	

***Welcome new board members!**

Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot
Jennifer Beck
Rebecca Zimbelman

Museum Part-Time Staff

Hailey, Laura, Katie, Anna, Maddie S.,
Caitlyn, Meagan, Blake, Amelia,
Melanie, Maddie G., Paul

FÜN FACTS

- ♦ A cloud can weigh more than a million pounds.
- ♦ Mountain lions can whistle.
- ♦ Porcupines can float.
- ♦ A sneeze travels 100 miles per hour.
- ♦ Humans can recognize about 10,000 smells.

2016 Give Where You Live Donors

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\$500 & Up

Steve & Amy Haskett
Dallas & Carolyn Wegner

Jesse & Melissa Pandorf
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\$100-\$499

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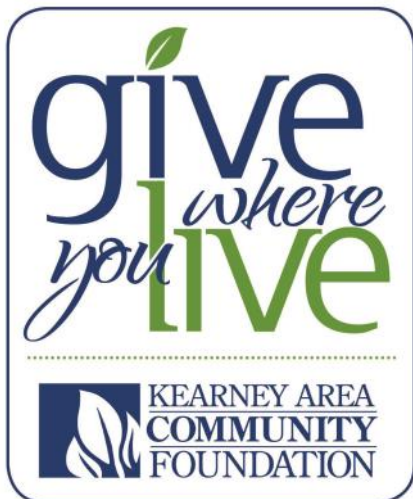
Stanley & Gay Longfellow
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Quality Learning On-the-Go

Here at the museum we strive to provide quality learning experiences for your children. We continue this effort when it comes to our gift shop. We offer unique, high quality items to continue your child's learning while at home! Does your child love glitter but you hate the mess? We have "mess free glitter" projects! Does your child enjoy "helping" around the house? If so...or if you wish they would...we have a few items that will be put to good use by your little helper! There's a little bit of something for everyone. So, start shopping! (And remember, members receive 10% off EVERYDAY!)



Rebecca Zimbelman
Operations Manager



Museum Staff



Hailey Schroer



Laura Lugo



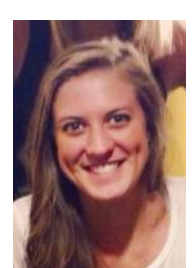
Caitlyn Schmidt



Anna Squires



Katie Ruwe



Meagan Schroer



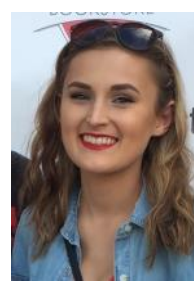
Paul Braden



Blake Smith



Maddie Good



Amelia Davis



Melanie Estrada



Maddie Squiers

Invisible Capes of Mighty Men



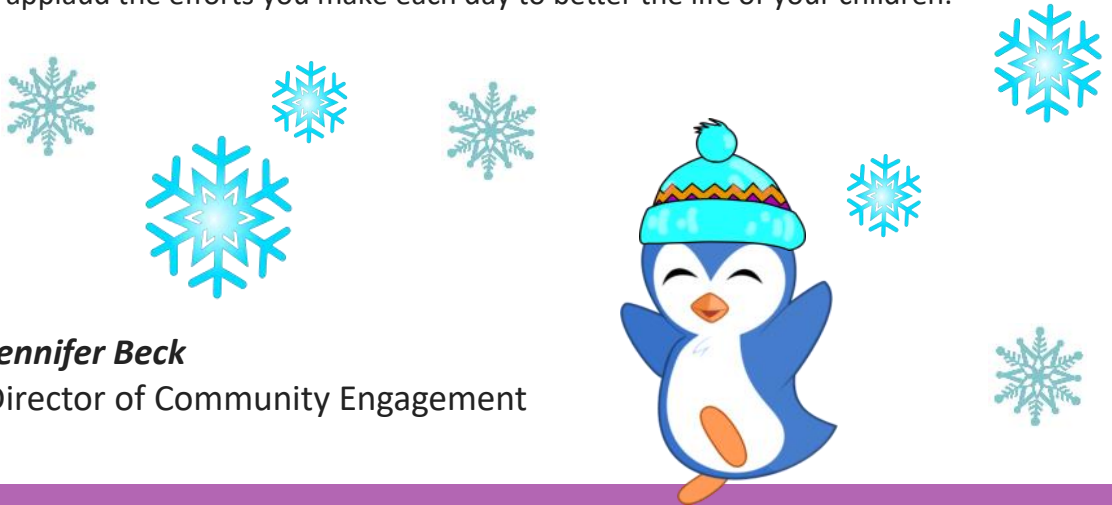
At the museum we are blessed to see a variety of wonderful caregivers investing in the lives of children every day. We see moms, grandmas, aunts, daycare providers, foster care workers, nannys and teachers. Children's museums are a safe and neutral place for families to be together and grow their relationship. This includes relationships with fathers, grandfathers, and uncles too!

In fact, we are all familiar with the unmatched bond a mother has with her children, however, let's not forget that a strong and positive male figure's impact is equally vital to a child's growth and development. Research has shown that a fathers consistent and positive involvement has led to a child's overall improvement in school, behavior, and the ability to make positive life choices as they grow into adulthood.

Here at the museum we enjoy seeing children interact with the men in their life. Men, you have the ability to help a child soar and know their true value in this world. You are the keepers of an invisible cape that only you can wear. We applaud the efforts you make each day to better the life of your children.



Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement



Brainstorm Box

Start a memory jar for 2017! When something great happens in this next year write it down on a slip of paper and place inside the jar. Keep inside the jar until Christmas of 2017 and then read the memories with your family. This activity will help you focus on the positive things and end the year on a grateful note!



Community Outreach

We have had an amazing year with you and are looking forward to 2017! We love being a part of such a vibrant community. Below are just a few of the ways we were able to partner with you this past year.

Rivers & Wildlife Celebration with Audubon Nebraska

Bicycle Sunday with Kearney Park & Recreation

Wagons West with Trails and Rails Museum

Health & Safety Kids Day with Old Navy and the Hilltop Mall

Celebrating the Young Child Festival with Bright Futures

UNK Blue & Gold, UNK Homecoming Parade

Bryant Elementary Resource Fair

United Way Community Picnic

Families CARE Family Festival... AND MORE!



If you are an organization or business who serves families, let us know how we can partner with you!
Contact Jennifer Beck, Director of Community Engagement at: jennifer@kearneychildrensmuseum.org

Programs & Events

2016 was an amazing year filled with kids exploring and learning!





January 2017

Programs & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Museum is Open 1pm-5pm	2 Museum is Closed	3 National Drinking Straw Day! Stop by the museum for a fun game involving straws!	4 Morning Mingle 9am - 10am (Members Only) Wacky Fact Wednesday!	5	6 Friday Activity Putt Putt Golf in Science Area Available all day.	7 Science Saturday at 3pm Fishing for Ice
8	9 Museum is Closed	10 National Cut Your Energy Loss Day! *Turn off lights when your not using them *Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth	11 Wacky Fact Wednesday! Make It & Take It "Juniors" 3:45-4:45 \$10 per child, Ages 6-11	12	13 Friday Activity I Spy! Color Game throughout museum Available all day. Kids Winter Gala 5:30 - 8:00 Ages 4-10 \$10 Members \$15 Non Members	14 Science Saturday at 3pm Dancing Snowflakes
15	16 Museum is Closed	17 National Winnie the Pooh Day! Come find Winnie the Pooh and his friends hidden in the museum!	18 Wacky Fact Wednesday! Make It & Take It "Littles" 3:45-4:45 \$5 per child, Ages 3-5	19 Free Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00 Free Admission!	20 Friday Activity LEGO Bonanza in Science Area Available all day.	21 Science Saturday at 3pm Arctic Animals Blubber Glove!
22	23 Museum is Closed	24 National Compliment Day! Encourage someone with a nice compliment!	25 Wacky Fact Wednesday! Make It & Take It "Littles" 3:45-4:45 \$5 per child, Ages 3-5	26	27 Friday Activity Frozen Puppets in Art Area Available all day	28 Science Saturday at 3pm Erupting Snowballs!
29	30 Museum is Closed	31 National Backward Day! Come guess how many M&M's are in our jar and the person FURTHEST from the correct number will take it home!	 Mon: Closed Tues: 10-5 Wed: 10-5 Thurs: 10-8 Fri: 10-5 Sat: 10-5 Sun: 1-5		Upcoming Events and Programs Chocolate Camp - February 9 from 8-3 Cupid Camp - February 10 from 8-3 10th Annual Treasure Chest - February 18 EGG-stravagnaza - April 13 from 5:30-8	