



KEARNEY AREA
children's
museum

WINTER TIME!

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018



Quarter 4, 2018

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 Rates

Members – FREE
Children under 12 months – FREE
Children (1 yr – 13 yrs) – \$8.00
Adults (14 to 59) – \$7.00
Senior Citizens – (60+) \$6.00

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**

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Traci Winscot, KACM Executive Director



Whew! Good bye 2018 and hello 2019! Life is only speeding up, not getting slower and the older I get, the faster it goes. Second grade took forever but now I'm wondering, *Where did 2018 go?*

If you're thinking, "When things settle down, I'm going to spend more time with the kids," here's the thing: It's not going to settle down until the kids leave the house. *Do it now.* You have to learn to spend time with your kids when things are not settled down. I encourage you to set a date in your calendar and commit to bringing your kid(s) to the museum for some one-on-one time. Let's make 2019 about making special memories with our loved ones!

I'd also love to invite you to our 12th Annual Treasure Chest on Saturday, February 9th. We are going to change it up this year and make it Casino Night-themed with a variety of games and opportunities for individuals to help support the museum. A silent auction, delicious supper, and cash bar are also included in the evening's events. Plus, it's casual attire so no need to buy a fancy dress or suit! We have a special if you can get a table of 10 then we'll knock off \$10 a ticket. Head to our website to purchase your tickets today!

Traci Winscot
Executive Director



Volunteer Spotlight

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The museum is vital to our community in many ways. It provides a fun atmosphere for children to play and learn in a safe place. It also helps families grow closer together while they are at the museum.

Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I started volunteering at the museum to fulfill service hours for a merit badge Citizenship in the Community for scouts. I have continued to volunteer after finishing the required hours because I enjoy the museum and the things I get to help with. I like working with the kids.

What is your advice for someone considering becoming a volunteer?

I would tell them to make sure they enjoy kids and be on time.

Drew Worm



Member Spotlight

Katie & Matt Van Allen Miles (4), Claire (2), and Max (1)

How does the museum help your family?

The museum helps our family because we live in Phillipsburg, Kansas; which is a small town 90 miles southwest of Kearney. I come to Kearney about once a month to get groceries and the museum has been a life saver because my kids are obsessed with going there. They don't complain during the car ride or shopping because they know we get to visit the museum while we're in town.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The Children's Museum is vital to Kearney because it caters to children and families. It helps draw people into Kearney from all over the area because there are so many young families looking for learning opportunities for their children and this museum provides that opportunity.



What do children learn at the museum?

We've been visiting the museum regularly for 2 years now and our kids find something new to explore every time we visit. There are so many great learning opportunities here that help development: counting, problem solving, using their imagination for make believe play, working on motor skills with the rock wall and craft section, etc. I could literally go on and on about every display in the museum, it's all so amazing! Not to mention, they are always interacting with all of the other children, which I love because we learn how to take turns and to be polite to other people.

KACM's First Major Exhibit...

Did you know that almost 30 years ago the Kearney Area Children's Museum board of directors purchased its first major exhibit and it was a hot air balloon? To pay tribute to our history and courageous founders, we had the balloon restored and now it's proudly placed in our Science Zone.



To help cover the cost of the restoration process, the museum received funds from the Baldwin Foundation, Union Pacific Foundation, and the Kearney Lottery Trust Fund. Signs & Shapes International out of Omaha, NE brought our treasure back to life. (Fun fact: Signs & Shapes creates many of the Macy's Day Parade floats!)

Children can press a button, wait 2 minutes as the balloon fills up with air and rises into the ceiling! The ribbon cutting for the balloon is **Wednesday, January 2nd at 10:00 am** and we hope to see you there!



2019 Board of Directors

Emily Jameson, President	
Amy Kuchera, Vice President	
Jaylynn Graham, Past President	
Brooke Ward, Treasurer	
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Jennifer Rowling, Member At Large	
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Melissa Scott-Pandorf	

Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot
Jennifer Beck
Radhika Thapaliya

Museum Part-Time Staff

Brin, Chloe, Joni, Taylor, Nic, Ashley,
Emily, Katerina, Morganne, Paul

FÜN FACTS

- ◆ Hawaii is moving towards Japan at the speed of 10cm a year. This is because they are on different tectonic plates.
- ◆ Clouds can be categorized into a number of different types; these include cumulus, stratus and cirrus.
- ◆ Hot air balloons cannot fly in the rain.
- ◆ Infants blink only once or twice a minute while adults average around 10.
- ◆ You can't move your body when you're dreaming.
- ◆ If you fell in a black hole, you'd stretch like spaghetti.

What have we been up to the past 3 months?



2018 Give Where You Live Donors

We had a successful event with YOUR help!

Jennifer Beck	Tyler Keyser	Tova and Rob Shaffer
Dick and Barbara Beechner	Linda Knipping	Tiffany and Jason Shuda
Susan and Stan Bigg	Amy and Frank Kuchera	Shawna Skaggs
Kay and Brad Bowman	Connie and Dennis Larsen	Carol and Cecil Smith
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Arram Family Foundation	Robert and Sandi Moncrief	William and Linda Vosik
Steve and Meggan Gangwish	Barb and Lynn Naber	Robert and Susan Wallace
Terry and Deb Gibbs	Dirk and Angela Nickel	Brooke and Nick Ward
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Lisa Gleason	Rosemary Northwall	Craig and Nancy Weber
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Jef and Kayla Herrick	Amanda and Nate Polacek	Dallas and Carolyn Wegner
Toni Hill	Jacqueline Powell	Tom and Cheryl Weides
Stacy Hurt	Mark Reid	Robert Wells
Emily and Aaron Jameson	Karen and Rick Rhoads	Steve and Kathi Winscot
Mandy and Mike Johnson	Nancy and Steve Sayles	Traci and Andrew Winscot
Fred and Betty Kempf	Ellie and Seth Schroeder	Judy and Clint Witte
Dan and Jackie Keyser	Rachel and Phillip Schroeder	Heidi and Kenny Woltz
	Kristen and Jeremy Sedlacek	

The Kearney Area Children's Museum inspires play, exploration, and discovery through interactive experiences.

This year we encourage our donors to "Make Every Drop Count"! We have set a goal of \$50,000 to help build an entirely new and educational water feature depicting how the Rocky Mountains feed our rivers in Nebraska including the Platte River basin.

\$13,153
82 unique donors
* Preliminary numbers

Facebook Twitter

Building Imagination since 1989

Kearney Area Children's Museum

Splish Splash we had a blast!
Thank you for making a SPLASH towards our Water Exhibit renovation!
You helped "Make Every Drop Count" & our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for all the support we received during this year's

give live

Journey Into 2019

With a fresh new year in front of us, we have the opportunity to take ourselves on an amazing journey. On January first we set our hearts and mind ablaze with how we can better ourselves and go above and beyond with personal goals. I challenge you to invite your children to make some goals as well! Are there some things you want to accomplish as a family?

1. Wake up each morning and verbally make a positive intention for the day
2. Share something you're grateful for each day
3. Talk through the difficult things and navigate them together
4. Practice self-care and teach your child to care for themselves and other too



Jennifer Beck

Director of Community Engagement



Brainstorm Box

Start a journal or box that highlights your life during 2019! Fill it with photos, letters, keepsakes, or other items that remind you of things you experience this year.

Every few months, sit down as a family and go through the items you have collected. Talk about why these memories are important to you!



Celebrate and Learn

Birthday Party:

Winter is here! Are you looking for a warm, cozy place that is loaded with fun activities for children for their birthday party? If so, Kearney Area Children's Museum will be a is the place to be! With more than 20 exhibits and a large party room, we are the perfect go-to destination for your kiddo's birthday party. Prices are \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members for All Day Play and \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members for After Hour option. Book your party today!

Gift Shop:

Looking for New Year inspiration for your kids? Want to inspire them to be responsible? Check out our fun Magnetic Responsibility Chart in our gift shop! That's not all- Our gift shop is full of activities for children ranging from 0 to 11 years old. Remember members get 10% discount on all gift shop items!

If you haven't signed up for our membership yet or need to renew it, this is the right time. Please visit us at our website kearneychildrensmuseum.org for more information on membership and birthday parties.



Radhika Thapaliya
Operations Manager



Visit our gift shop
for educational fun!



SKY IS THE LIMIT AT KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Check out these “Fancy” events!

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Glitter Gala

PRINCESS PARTY

Friday, January 11, 2019 | 6:00-8:30pm

\$15 for Members
\$20 for Non Members
Ages 3-12

Royal crafts and games
Wear your favorite dress
Free play in museum exhibits
Meet real princesses
Get hair and nails done by Amplify Salon

Dinner provided:

Ham or turkey sandwich, fruit, lemonade in princess tea cups,
and cookie decorating with sprinkles, of course!

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SATURDAY 9TH 2019
FEBRUARY

5:45 P.M. COCKTAIL HOUR & SILENT AUCTION
7:00 P.M. DINNER SERVED

YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER

416 TALMADGE ROAD | KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

\$60 PER
TICKET



\$500 PER TABLE
OF TEN

CASH BAR AND CASUAL ATTIRE

We love our community partnerships with Raising Canes and Funtastic!



INTRODUCING
Membership Monday

**SHOW YOUR KACM
MEMBERSHIP CARD AT
FUNTASTIC ON MONDAYS
AND YOUR ADMISSION IS
ONLY \$6/PERSON!**



**RAISE
MONEY FOR**

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FUN!
1989 2019
**KEARNEY AREA
children's
museum**

Show your membership
card when ordering, and
**15% of your purchase will
be donated to KACM.**

**Raising
Cane's
CHICKEN FINGERS**

**2nd Ave. & W. 38th St.
Kearney | NE**

Must show valid Kearney Area Children's Museum membership
or wallet card at time of order. Valid 1/1-12/31/2019.



Happy 30th Birthday!

2019 marks the museum's 30th birthday!

KACM was founded as a non-profit, charitable organization with the goal of providing children interactive ways to blend learning and fun together.

We are looking to the future to ensure the next generation of kids can play, learn, and grow at the Museum. The Board of Directors is asking individuals to consider partnering with KACM in celebrating 30 years of fun by helping us reach a fundraising goal of \$30,000!

30 YEARS
30 DAYS OF FUNDRAISING
\$30,000 GOAL

Will you help us future our impact
inspiring play, exploration, and
discovery for families?

You can donate online at
<https://sales.kearneychildrensmuseum.org/Donation.aspx>
or mail in your donation!



January 2019



Programs & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Mon: Closed</p> <p>Tues: 10-5</p> <p>Wed: 10-5</p> <p>Thurs: 10-8</p> <p>Fri: 10-5</p> <p>Sat: 10-5</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>We're open</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Morning Mingle 9:00-10:00am Members Only</p> <p>Hot Air Balloon Ribbon Cutting 10:00am in the Science Area Join us as we celebrate the</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Show your membership card when ordering, and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the Kearney Area Children's Museum!</p> <p>Valid at: Raising Cane's</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>#</p> <p><i>Holiday Inn</i></p> <p>Booked a room at the Holiday Inn? Bring in your room key to receive \$3 off your total admission price!</p> <p>Are you a Museum Member? When booking a room at the Holiday Inn mention the</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>8</p> <p>National Bubble Bath Day</p> <p>Take a warm bath with tons</p> <p>15</p> <p>National Hat Day</p> <p>Do you have a favorite hat you like to wear?</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>NO KIDS NIGHT OUT THIS MONTH</p> <p>Glitter Gala Princess Party 6:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>National Hat Day</p> <p>Do you have a favorite hat you like to wear?</p>	<p>16</p> <p>No School Camp 8am-3pm \$20 Members</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Free Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Friday Activity</p> <p>Put on a puppet show in Theater</p>	<p>19</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>Will you help us raise \$30,000 to celebrate our 30th birthday?</p> <p>Head to our website to</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>National Blonde Brownie Day</p> <p>Bake up a tasty treat at</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Friday Activity</p> <p>Play with new items in our STEM Studio. Pick up items at our front</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>National Puzzle Day</p> <p>Put together a puzzle with a friend!</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>Looking Ahead 12th Annual Treasure Chest Fundraiser - Feb 9 Cupid STEAM Camp - Feb 14 from 8-3, Ages 4-10 Show the LOVE at Raising Cane's - Feb 14 Chocolate Camp - Feb 15 from 8-3, Ages 4-10</p>	