

Northeast Texas Children's Museum

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The mission of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum is to inspire imagination, enhance creativity, and build confidence in Children.

The Director's Corner

After two years of an uncertain future, the Children's Museum has a home! We could not be more excited to announce the purchase of a 26,000 sq. ft. building along Highway 11 East in Commerce. The building is located on approximately 7.9 acres and meets the Museum's criteria for building space and an outdoor play area. The move from the current location is scheduled for September 2019. The building was previously owned by the Commerce Economic Development Corporation. They recognized the few possibilities for buildings in Commerce for a home for the Children's Museum and were willing to work with us to keep the Museum here in Commerce.



Sharline Freeman, Executive Director

The Museum has been working with a month-to-month lease from the Texas A&M University-Commerce since September 2018. We appreciate TAMUC allowing us to stay in the building until another location could be secured. After some discussion concerning being a part of the Agricultural Expo, the timing of vacating the current location and the actual availability of the proposed agricultural complex left few options for the Children's Museum. The possibilities for the future of the Children's Museum in this location are limitless. We hope to make the Northeast Texas Children's Museum the



best Children's Museum between Dallas and Little Rock. We are asking for your support to achieve this goal.

Brunch with Santa

Santa made his first stop of the Christmas season at the Brunch with Santa at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum on December 1. With pancakes from Commerce Lil' Angels, Christmas crafts, and pictures with Ole Saint Nick, Brunch with Santa was a popular place to begin the holidays. Over 300 guests enjoyed the food and activities.



Daddy-Daughter Dance

The Unicorn Ball was the tenth annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum. It was also the most popular and best attended Daddy-Daughter Dance in the ten year history of the event. There are so many that played a large role in the success of the event. Thalian Culture Club sponsored the food and Brenda Estes made the most creative Unicorn food. A colorful and fantasy land dance floor was made by Beckey Thompson, assisted by Cindy Staub. Lonnie Plunkett's Unicorn signs and flowers throughout the building added another magical touch. Amazing decorative Unicorns were provided by Nan



Beeler, and a real live miniature horse, brought by Debbie Daffron, became a live Unicorn for the evening. Sponsors for the event included Atmos Energy, State Farm Insurance, Oncor, President's Office, Commerce Lil Angels, Aglaia Culture Club, Guaranty Bank and Trust, Majette Murrey, Ginger Thomas, and Janis Stroope. An additional 33 volunteers worked to make the evening a success for the young girls and their dads. The Children's Museum thanks all these supporters!



MUSEUM INFORMATION

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Children's Museum
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Commerce, TX 75428

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Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Saturday: 9:30 - 4:30
Closed Sunday and Monday

Admission:

Children: \$6.00 Adults: \$5.00
(Children under 2 are free)
Memberships available

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Family Smiles

The Northeast Texas Children's Museum welcomes the sponsorship of our dental area by Family Smiles. Family Smiles recently opened an office in Commerce. Becoming a part of the community was a goal that led them to the Children's Museum. They will be a participant of our Children's Health Day this summer. Thanks to Family Smiles and Dr. Lucero Leandro for your sponsorship!



Altrusa Greenville

Exciting news came to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum when it was announced that Altrusa International in Greenville was making the Museum the recipient of up to \$10,000 from their Christmas Tour of Homes. Many from the Museum and Commerce attending the tour. Anticipation built as we wondered how much the amount would be. Would it be \$5,000? Would it be \$8,000? Finding out that the amount did come to \$10,000 was a wonderful, generous donation. The money will be used for Greenville students to attend Dino Math, Weird Science, or traditional field trips. Thanks Altrusa for your generosity!



Weird Science

Under the sponsorship of Farmers Electric, the Children's Museum offered the Weird Science program to fifth grade students in January and February. The program was scheduled for fourteen days with 789 students attending. Some students traveled over an hour to come to the science program as they traveled from Simms ISD and McLeod ISD. The students rotated through three stations involving temperature, plasticity, and measuring liquid volume. Instructors for the program were Elana Barton, D'Ann Frank, and Jim Ayres.



Children's Health Day with Walmart



Bill Whisenhunt presented a check to Director Sharline Freeman in January. Walmart will sponsor a Children's Health Day this summer. The Children's Health Day will include a our MEGALungs and healthy activities for children. Thanks Walmart for making the Children's Health Fair possible. Watch for further details on our summer calendar.

Carevide

Thanks Carevide for your sponsorship of Healthy Kids from A to Z. Under the instruction of Amy Starks, preschoolers learn how to stay healthy as they go through each letter of the alphabet with songs, story time, crafts, activities, and a snack. The spring class will finish the with letter "Z" and the fall semester will start with the letter "A". Healthy Kids not only provides a learning experience for young children, but it also provides a social time for their parents. We appreciate Carevide for making this program possible.



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Volunteer Spotlight

The Children's Museum welcomes Steven Roman as a new member of the Board of Directors. Steven became the manager of the Commerce Brookshire's Grocery in fall 2018. He grew up in Commerce and attended Commerce schools. He and his family live in Pecan Gap and are neighbors of Executive Director Sharline Freeman. Steven's wife Chelsea is a third grade teacher at AC Williams. Their two daughters include Kennedy in fifth grade and Isabella in kindergarten. Steven's hobbies include golf and carpentry. Steven and Brookshire's Grocery provide volunteers for the Children's Museum for the Mummy & Me: Mother-Son Event and for the Unicorn Ball: Daddy-Daughter Dance. They have also helped with clearing the Museum floor for cleaning. We welcome Steven and we thank Brookshire's Grocery for all that you do for the Children's Museum!



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