

#15,641

Northeast Texas Children's Museum

FILED FOR RECORD
at 11:45 o'clock
JUL 09 2019
JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG
County Clerk, Hunt County, TX
By [Signature]

VOLUME 10, ISSUE 2

MAY-AUGUST 2019

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

The Director's Corner

It has actually happened! What we have only imagined for the Northeast Texas Children's Museum is becoming a reality. We have a "Work Zone" at our new site. Walls have been removed and Main Street is under construction. What could be more exciting?

There are many ways to support the Children's Museum during this time of transition. Many options may be found on Page 3. You will see that one of the options is to celebrate a life event or honor a special person, occasion, or memory with a commemorative brick. We appreciate the donation of the brick and engraving from Gloria Matthews of Pioneer Memorials in Sulphur Springs and Cooper Granite and Memorials in Cooper. Funds raised from this campaign will go directly to improvements, including new exhibits, for the new building.

We have a window of opportunity to do great things for the children of northeast Texas. The Children's Museum appreciates your monetary support at whatever level your budget permits. We need your support for the Children's Museum to reach its potential.



Sharline Freeman,
Executive Director



Silent Auction 2019

With door prizes, raffle winners, a market, and great items for bidding, the 2019 Silent Auction was a great success. With funds designated for the new building, almost \$25,000 was raised at this annual event. Held at the Sam Rayburn Student Center, over 200 bidders were in attendance. Thanks to Becky Thompson and Donna Tavener for chairing this very successful fundraiser for the Children's Museum.



Spring Field Trips

Spring was a busy time at the Children's Museum as we had 4,351 students participating in 60 scheduled field trips. We continue to attract schools from longer distances. A recent group of students from Talihina, Oklahoma traveled 2 1/2 hours to come to the Children's Museum. We had a great group of instructors working with the children and giving "shows" for each rotation within the Museum. They included Elana Barton, D'Ann Frank, Debbie Dunham, Amanda Rich, Michelle Dion, Kay Jensen, Kacey Owen, Kathy Erwin, and Amy Stark.



Sign the Door

As the Children's Museum moves into the final months at the current location, the staff continues to remind visitors of the move and directions to the future location. Beginning in July, children will be able to sign the red doors as they leave. The message at the top of the door says "So long...See you at 100 Maple St". Other July activities will include the **July 4th Parade on July 3, Children's Health Day on July 16 sponsored by Walmart, and Warren Dunham Day on July 18.** Activities for other days are listed on our website www.netxcm.com.

Chico's Style Show 2019

After a very successful Chico's Style Show in 2018, we are looking forward to our second

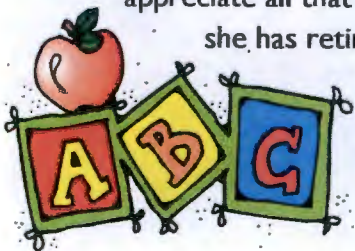
- style show on September 13 at First Baptist Church, Commerce. We will
- have some returning models and some that will be new. The luncheon
- will be sponsored by Charles Schwab Greenville and will be served by
- Webb Hill Country Club. Our Chico ladies, Millie Cundy and Camille
- Malone, will be adding their professional touch. Tickets are \$35. Join us
- as we see the latest in fall fashion.



Healthy Kids from A to Z

It is a time for new beginnings for our pre-school program, Healthy Kids from A to Z. We will begin the eight-week class sponsored by Carevide with the beginning letter of the alphabet. We will also be introducing our new Children's Director, Michelle Dion. She will be the instructor for the Healthy Kids from A to Z. We appreciate all that Amy Stark has done as the previous instructor. Although she has retired from Healthy Kids from A to Z, she will be assisting

Michelle for the first few classes. The preschool class will meet for eight Wednesdays beginning on September 25. Letters "A" to "H" will be covered this fall. Hopefully, the classes will be held at our new site.



MUSEUM INFORMATION

Northeast Texas
Children's Museum
2501 Hwy 24
Commerce, TX 75428

PO Box 994
Commerce, TX 75429

www.netxcm.com
903-886-6055

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

For more information:
Sharline Freeman,
Executive Director
director@netxcm.com

Elana Barton,
Media and Information Specialist,
elana@netxcm.com



North Texas Giving Day



North Texas Giving Day, one of our biggest fundraisers, is on September 19 this year. Donations will go towards bonus funds for the Children's Museum!

This is a day of online giving, but we can also take cash and checks here at the Museum.

Brick Campaign



The Children's Museum is excited to announce a unique and lasting way for donors to contribute to exhibits at our new location. Celebrate a life event or honor a special person, occasion, or memory with a commemorative brick to be laid at our new home. Funds raised from our brick program will provide support for the improvement of current exhibits and new exhibits at our new location. Bricks are \$100 each. For more information, go to: netxcm.com/brick-campaign.

Win a Chevy Cruze



The Children's Museum is a participating in Britain Chevrolet's 5th Annual Britain Community Support program. For a \$2.00 suggested donation, visitors can purchase tickets for a chance to win a Chevy Cruze! All tickets must be bought by December 6. The final drawing for the winner will be on December 14, 2019 by Britain Chevrolet. Participating non-profits in the area keep any money they raised through selling the tickets and the winning person gets a new car. Purchase your ticket on your next visit to the Children's Museum.

Naming Opportunities

Major Exhibits

\$5,000 total for first two years or \$2,500 for each of the two years, followed by \$500 beginning at Year 3

Parking Lot
\$20,000

Outdoor Area
\$15,000

Amazing Airways Exhibit
\$20,000

Outdoor Sign
\$15,000

Indoor Lighting
\$8,000

Street Sign
\$1,000 for 5 years

Stage Area, Pirate Ship, & KidSteam Train with Railroad Crossing Signal
\$500 per year

Rocket Ship, Plane, & Cave
\$400 per year

Small Block Area, Large Block Area, Dino Diner, Wind Tunnel, Street Light, Activity Tables, Boat, Puppet Show, Dino Area with Tent and Etchings, Monkey Ball, Redline Raceway, Two benches
\$300 per year

Velcro Design Wall
\$300 (one-time donation)

Board Members

Sharline Freeman,
Executive Director

Donna Tavener,
President

Beth Dattamo

KarolAnn DeLong

Brenda Estes

Leslie Killgore

Steven Roman

Gary Rusch

Mandy Stewart

Becky Thompson

Dixie Turman,
Vice President

Larry Willis

Trish Wood,
Treasurer

Ex officio Members

Darrek Ferrell

Paula Hanson

Mary Hendrix

Bonnie Hunter,
Secretary

Wyman Williams

Warren Dunham Day



With the help of former Scout Leaders, the Children's Museum will remember Warren Dunham on Thursday, July 18. Warren is being remembered for his thirty years as a Scout leader. He was a member of the Scouts' Order of the Arrow. He went with the

Scouts to Camp Dierks for many years. With the help of Scout leaders, Paul Dunham, Warren's son, and Bob Stachowiak, children will have the opportunity to make bird houses from 11:00 to 12:00.

Main Street

As work progresses at the new site of the Children's Museum, Main Street is beginning to take form. Brookshire's Grocery, Hunt Regional Healthcare, Family Smiles Dental, Commerce Veterinary Clinic, and Cypress Bank will be a part of the newly designed Main Street. Main Street will be connected with a road for all the child-sizes vehicles traveling from shop to shop. Of course, these cars will need a gas station and that, too, will a part of Main Street. It is an exciting time!

Thanks to our April - June Donors

Oncor
Dr. and Myers Hurt
Luanne Bourland
Inwood Bank
Mr. and Mrs. Al Stapleton
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith
Ms. Susan Lampe

Ms. Marcia Hakala
Ms. Beverly Deaton
Ms. Barbara Shwiff
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hooten
Psychology Club
Ms. Mary Hendrix
Hydro Aluminum
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murrey

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Biggs
Dr. and Mrs. Keith McFarland
Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Rainey
Anonymous
Dr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds
Commerce Veterinary Clinic
Fix & Feed

Donate to the Museum

Donations to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum can be made in multiple ways. Visit our website at www.netxcm.com to donate through PayPal. You can also come by the Museum to make a donation at any time. You may also mail your donation with the form below. Remember that every dollar helps keep our doors open!

Donor Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Amount of Donation: _____

If sponsoring a day, let us know the birthday, anniversary, or other date that you would like to sponsor.

Send to: Northeast Texas Children's Museum
P. O. Box 994
Commerce, Texas 75429