



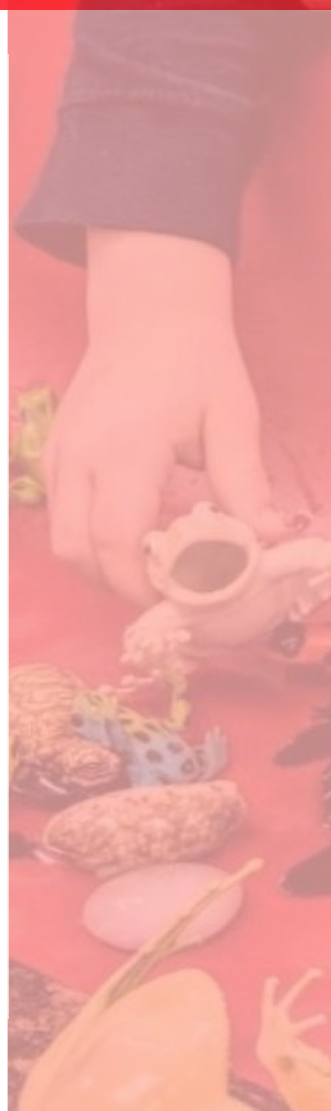
Great River Children's Museum

Realizing a Vision for a Children's Museum
In the Greater St. Cloud Community

Great River Children's Museum



- Greg Reigstad, Treasurer
- Sara McKeever, Board Member
- 14 member board participating in a board retreat today



Our Mission



- To create a place where every child and their caring adults can create, explore, discover and be inspired through the extraordinary power of play



We Value

- *providing a stress-free environment for caring adults to observe and experience children's innate curiosity and drive to explore and learn.*



We Value

- educating children through interactive experiences that support healthy development and increase their understanding of the world.*



We Value

- *supporting the development of healthy adult-child relationships through playful and meaningful learning interactions.*



We Value

- offering a safe and appealing environment that inspires imagination and creativity.*



We Value

- embracing the power of play and fun to advance the learning of communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.*



We Value

- *honoring, reflecting and welcoming diversity to expand understanding and build supportive relationships among families.*



We Value



- *building our organization through community engagement, collaboration and partnerships.*



Glen Palm



Greg Reigstad



Jane Ellison



Becky Coborn



Jim Davis



Monica Segura-Schwartz



Alex Hengel



Sara McKeever



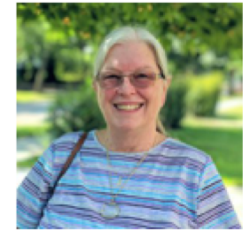
Vincent Miles



Deb Campbell



John Wertz



Linda McNelly

Our Story - 2014



- Started as a 501c 3
- Joined the Association of Children's Museums as an emerging museum
- Conducted a feasibility study
- Met with area leaders to explore support for a children's museum
- Visited 30+ museums



Our Story – 2015/16

- Collaborated with Stearns History Museum to bring the Healthyville exhibit to St. Cloud to assess community interest
- 6,000 people attended the 3-month exhibit

May 27 - September 4
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Healthyville

A Place for Every Body!

- Ride and row with a skeleton
- Discover Go, Slow and Whoa foods
- Touch boogers inside a giant nose
- Get the inside view of digestion
- Measure your vertical leap
- Exercise your heart

Stearns History Museum
235 33rd Av S, St. Cloud
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Healthyville® was created by Stepping Stones Museum for Children for the members of the Youth Museum Exhibit Collaborative (YMEC). 

Our Story – 2017

- Expanded planning group
- Explored sites in St. Cloud area
- Considered another pop-up exhibit



Our Story - 2018



- Expanded board membership to 14 members representing our community
- Liberty Bank donated their \$1.4 million downtown building in December



Our Community Needs



- Spaces for young children that inspire their innate curiosity and joy in learning
- Place for diverse families to gather and learn with and from each other
- This resource to supplement educational opportunities from early childhood to higher education

Why St. Cloud?



- St. Cloud is a regional hub and a great location for a children's museum
- Will become a destination attraction for families in the region
- Promotes family friendly downtown development



The Winter is Long

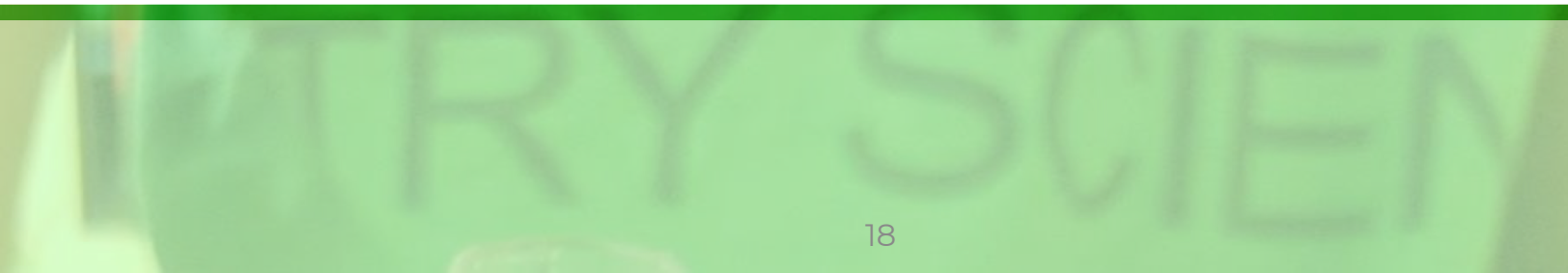


- Minnesota families with young children need fun places to play, learn and build community connections in all weather



Proposed Use of Funds

- Design and create a main floor play space for infants and toddlers



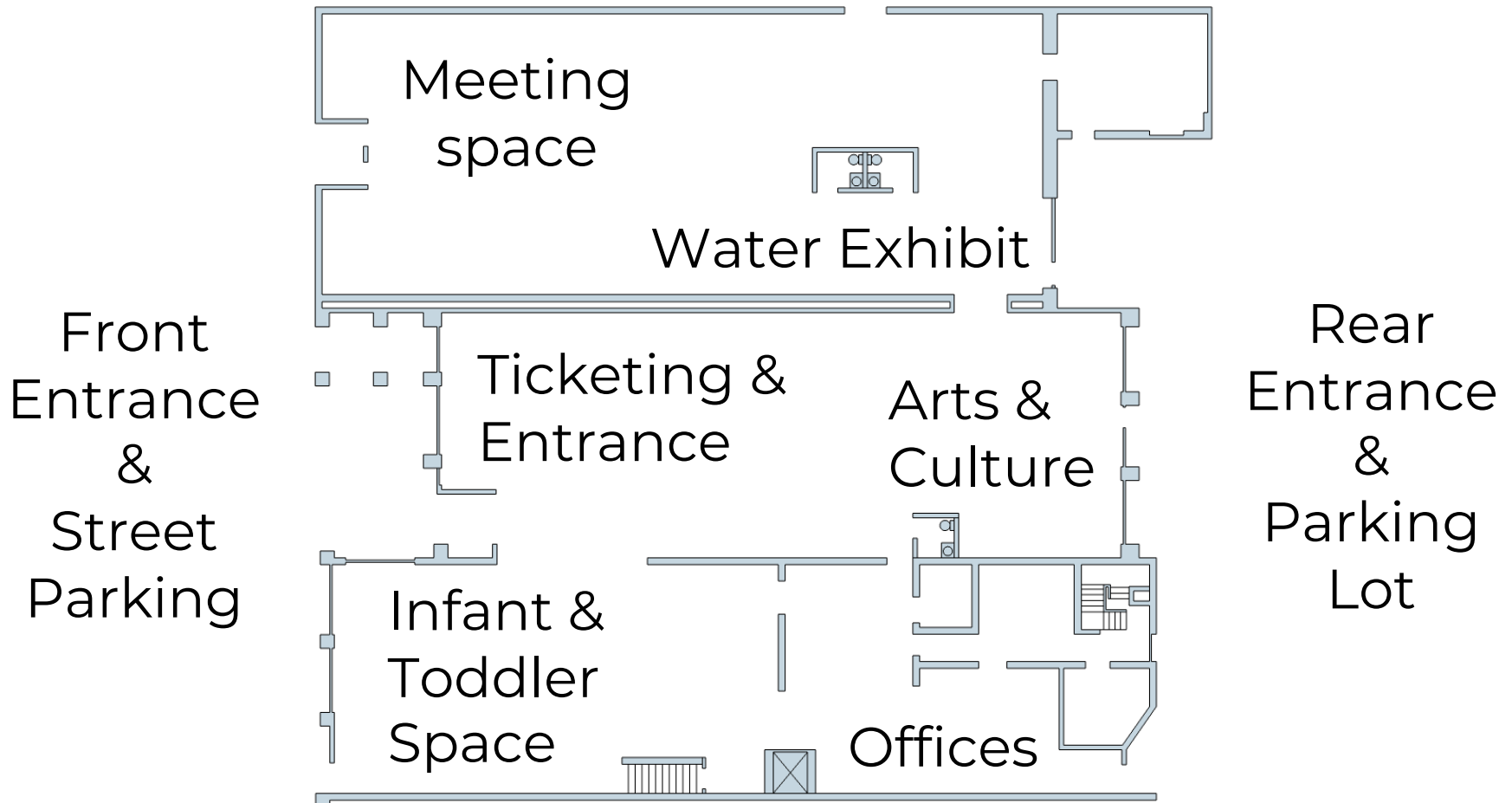
Proposed Use of Funds

- Develop an exhibit that celebrates our common connection to the shared resource that is the Mississippi River



Proposed Use of Funds

- Safety updates to building



Proposed Use of Funds

- Safety updates
- Develop infant exhibit
- Mississippi River exhibit
- Engage the community
- Build connections among the community





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