



## Grants & Gifts

- Minnesota Legacy Amendment*  
\$150,250  
for program and exhibit support
- Sporty's Foundation & Cirrus Aircraft*  
\$68,735  
for STEM projects
- State of Minnesota*  
\$50,000  
for accessible play and memberships
- MN Department of Natural Resources*  
\$33,000  
for Estuary Camp support
- Joyful Women Fund*  
\$20,000  
for operational support
- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation*  
\$15,000  
for operational support
- Arrowhead Regional Arts Council*  
\$5,000  
for Arts in STEAM artist in residency program
- Essentia Health Foundation*  
\$5,000  
for Free First Fridays 2018-2019
- Lahti Charitable Trust*  
\$5,000  
for operational support
- Edna M. & H. Anna Jenks' Fund*  
\$2,874.08  
for program support
- US Bank*  
\$2,500  
for play opportunities
- Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation*  
\$2,000  
for rehousing of historical collection
- MN Power Foundation*  
\$1,000  
for Downtown PopUP Playspace

## Commitment to Accessibility

Located in Duluth's Lincoln Park neighborhood, we work to make the museum accessible to all families. Through our Discovery for All initiatives we ensure that every child can experience our programs and exhibits regardless of their ability to pay.

Bubble Festival, while our Traveling Trunks program provided a free educational resource for teachers to use in their classrooms.

Coming up next: Sensory Friendly Days at the Museum, welcoming children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or sensory challenges to experience the museum at our new Sensory-Friendly Museum Times. This pilot program aims to bring families together to learn through play in an environment that supports the unique needs of children with ASD and/or sensory challenges.

Last year, over 400 families in need received scholarship memberships to the Duluth Children's Museum. Families were also able to attend our many free First Fridays, Headstart events, and free PopUP playspaces. Over 4,500 children and their adults learned about the science and fun of bubbles at our free annual

## Support the Museum

Support play for every child. Your contribution helps us provide over 400 scholarship memberships through Discovery for All, free access to the museum on First Fridays, and outreach programs to the neighborhoods where families need us most.

Donate now by visiting [www.playduluth.org/donate](http://www.playduluth.org/donate)

To donate with cash or check, mail:

Duluth Children's Museum  
115 South 29th Avenue West  
Duluth, MN 55806

## Give the Gift of Play

Purchase a membership today! Your imagination is unlimited. So is a membership at the Duluth Children's Museum for the whole family. Sign up for a year-long membership today at [www.playduluth.org](http://www.playduluth.org).



# DULUTH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

# DISCOVER



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## Welcome!

We have been a premiere place for children to play and learn in Lincoln Park for the past 6 years and for all of Duluth for 88 years! As the fifth oldest museum of its kind, the Duluth Children's Museum continues to innovate, bringing unique programs and playful exhibits for children and families to explore.

As we celebrate our rich history, we are also looking to the museum's future. We are listening to our donors and visitors, planning new and exciting experiences, and building strong partnerships to take the museum to the next phase of serving the kids of our community.

It is your membership and financial contributions that allow the Duluth Children's Museum to continue to grow and innovate. Thank you for your support!

*Kelly Davidson*  
Kelly Davidson  
Board Chair

*Cameron Kruger*  
Cameron Kruger  
President/CEO

## 2018-2019 Museum Highlights

### Create Your Own Adventure

Our winter exhibit, Create Your Own Adventure, provides an outlet for imaginative play, exploration, and engineering. Children will be able to create the buildings of their dreams in a large, creative space, while learning to define their own successes, work with others, tell stories, and more! Special programming will feature engineering challenges, outdoor shelter creation lessons, and more.

### Arts in STEAM: Artist in Residency

For the fourth year in a row, the museum has received funding from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council for its Arts in STEAM: Artist in Residency program. Artists use the museum as a working studio while teaching children their art. This year Dr. Paula Gudmundson, a professional flutist and music educator, provided music education to our members and visitors through music and movement.

### Monkey with a Tool belt

In partnership with acclaimed local children's author Chris Monroe. This exhibit will explore the world of Chico BonBon and his friends through problem solving, creativity, and STEM. Features include a tree house, bike shop, beach with surfing and tiki themed reading room, and more to explore!

## Board of Trustees

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# Making a Difference

## Cirrus Aircraft & Sporty's Foundation

Last year, the museum received a generous donation through the Sporty's Foundation and Cirrus Aircraft for the museum's STEM programming and a brand new exhibit.

The Sporty's Foundation funds programs that work to educate young people on the excitement and life-enhancing potential of general aviation. Sporty's works with young people to create opportunities to learn

about airplanes, expose them to aviation environments and provide opportunities for them to experience flight firsthand.

Cirrus Aircraft continues to support the mission of the Duluth Children's Museum by sponsoring the museum's newest exhibit, Aviation Exploration. Children will be able to explore a real Cirrus aircraft while learning the physics of how things fly, all through play!

It is a happy talent to know how to play.  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Visitor Shoutouts

## What our visitors are saying!

"We loved our visits to the Children's Museum! Friendly staff and I like how the downstairs exhibits change often."

"We really enjoy the museum especially in the winter when play options are limited."

"We have enjoyed the different traveling exhibits and my son loves the ore boat. The staff are always very kind and helpful."

"Really appreciate the staff and their interaction with our children."

"We love to spend time at the museum! So many activities to explore and it's great that our boys can run around and play with other kids."

"I love that [my child] can run and play from one thing to the next and we do not feel like we have to tell her not to touch or don't climb on that."



Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.  
-Mr. Rogers



51,655

annual visitors at the museum

1,374

annual memberships

431

scholarship memberships

44

school visits