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**Mark your calendars to come play with us!**

**Friday, February 12th**  
6:00pm - 9:30pm  
Night at the Museum "Movie Night"

**Sat, February 13th**  
11:00am-2:00pm  
Pet adoption at The Museum by the Humane Society

**Sun, February 14**  
All Day  
Valentine Day crafts

**Sat, February 27**  
9:00am-1:00pm  
Opening of Mansion at Tuckahoe

**Wed, March 10**  
11:00am -2:00pm  
Purse Party

**Sat, March 13**  
11:00-3:00  
Making Music at The Museum with the Treasure Coast Symphony

**Sat, April 10**  
11:00-2:00  
Pet Adoption at the Museum by the Humane Society

**April 17**  
10:00-2:00  
Earth Fest & Art to Wear Recycled Fashion Show

**Car Care Exhibit Opens in Our Town Wing**

Imagine yourself a racecar driver or a skilled mechanic or maybe the pizza delivery person with the power to rev an engine, change a tire, check underneath the chassis, or trade in an old muffler on your vehicle.



Children have the opportunity to role-play in the Museum's newest exhibit, The Car Care Center, and also learn the laws of physics with hands-on manipulation of tools that are perfectly sized for young hands.

Thanks to the generous donation of Louis and Robin Gerstner, the newest addition to the Our Town wing was created and installed by the design firm Sparks, and it has indeed sparked lots of interest over the past month. Not only can children learn the inner workings of the combustion engine while they play; they can also experiment with the principles behind solar and hydrogen powered vehicles. They also get to choose whether their vehicle is a family car, a taxi, a delivery van, or the fire chief's car.



Museum Partners, such as Bank of America and Martin Memorial, have already scheduled special days at the Museum for their employees'.

If you haven't had a chance to play yet, drive on in. Adults will love it too.

**Vet Clinic Opens February 7th**



We are so excited to join in a partnership with the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. When the exhibit opens February 7th, children will be able to play the role of veterinarian. Just like a real veterinarian, children will get to wear a lab coat while examining stuffed dogs and cats with mini stethoscopes. Children will have the chance to view x-rays and apply bandages. They will also have a chance to find out what pet best suits their family, or by answering a few questions, find out if they are ready and responsible to own a pet.

As a partner, the Humane Society will offer pet adoptions at the museum the second Saturday of every month. If you are looking to add to your family, adopting a pet is a great way to do that.



**Volunteering with Benefits!**

Volunteering at The Children's Museum is fun, worthwhile and satisfying. What more could you want?  
How about a free membership to the Museum?  
Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours a day, once a week, and earn a free annual membership to the Museum as a gesture of our thanks.

Call the museum for more details.

40 hours minimum required



## Play It Forward

The power of play is important for all children, including those whose parents are not able to afford the reasonably priced membership, admission fees or camp for The Children's Museum.

You can open doors for young children throughout the Treasure Coast with our Play It Forward program. Donate to the Museum through this fund, and your gift will be used to underwrite the admission costs, Membership or camp for economically challenged families of our community who want their children to be exposed to the same high level of imagination and development as all of our children. Donating through the Play it forward program also allows schools to benefit. Your gift will be used to underwrite the cost of a class or grade level to visit the museum or have one of our Educators go to school with one of our outreach programs.

For more information, visit the website

Extend the fun and power of play.



## TreasureFest

What a huge turnout we had this past year at our 5th annual Treasurefest event. We had local schools from Martin and St Lucie Counties perform, which included, South Fork High School, St Josephs Jazz Band, Morningside Academy, Bach Music School and Avenue D Boys Choir. This event included Bounce Houses, Obstacle Courses, Dunk Tank, Paddle Boards, Sailing, Kayaking, Food, Games, Face Painting and museum exploration. Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters. This year's TreasureFest event is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th.



## Volunteer of the Month

### Hats off to Jack Schleif!!



We are so grateful for Jack Schleif, a loyal volunteer here at The Children's Museum. Jack is a young hearted 88 year old volunteer who has been with the museum since opening in August 2008. Jack definitely likes to keep busy. He volunteers with us every Thursday, for special events, along with volunteering at other organizations such as The 4Cs, The Elliot Museum and the VNA. If you happen to see Jack around town congratulate him for a job well done!

## Purse Party 2010

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The 3rd annual Purse Party, to benefit The Children's Museum, will be held on March 10th at The Floridian. Guests will have an opportunity to buy designer hand bags donated to The Children's Museum for the Purse Party and walk off with something sumptuous for their spring wardrobe. Everyone wins, including the children who love the Museum, and everyone has fun.



Shannon Grimes and Lisa Rossario are chairing this year's Event, and they're pleased to announce that Mrs. Marti Huizenga, an early and consistent supporter of the Museum, is the Honorary Chair. "We're honored to have Mrs. Huzeinga involved in this project," says Shannon. "She brings such wit and wisdom and enthusiasm to the cause." Lisa adds, "And we're delighted to be at The Floridian. Last year we were completely sold out. This year we're advising people to book early---it's going to be an event you won't want to miss."

For reservations for The Purse Party, contact Tammy Calabria at the Museum, 772-225-7575, ext. 203.



## In Celebration of Earth Day

The Children's Museum will be having its first Art to wear Recycled fashion show on April 17th. This is a contest for Guys and Girls in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

For more details contact that museum at 772.225.7575 Ext 201 or visit us online at [www.childrensmuseumtc.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtc.org)

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