

LEADERSHIP

TEAMWORK

Over the past year, community leaders have come together to implement a community center-children's museum in the Dickinson County area. Over 300 community contributors have joined together to implement a nonprofit organization; form a board of directors, executive director team with action teams; and develop a mission, vision and engage with community businesses and organizations to build and design museum exhibits.

The excitement from individuals and families in the community has been overwhelmingly supportive and generous. Many community leaders report that 'everyone of every age' sees themselves coming to the community center-children's museum. Children love the interactive play opportunities and families are especially excited to be able to return to a neighborhood children's museum on a regular basis. Everyone needs a place where they can go and feel welcomed, comfortable and safe. The Community Center models an inter generational gathering place where everyone belongs. Careful planning focused on not duplicating services. It is important that our community center-children's museum is seen as a needed neutral site where people come from all surrounding locations to enjoy events and activities that enrich lives and empower change.

FOLLOW US

The Our Place Community Center-Imagination Factory Children's Museum has a website that allows viewers to see the schedule of upcoming activities, investigate exhibits, interactive play stations and special room features.

Our Place Community Center-Imagination Factory Children's Museum WEBSITE

www.ourplacecc.org

VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOU! Students and adults interested in volunteering, please stop by during open hours and learn about museum volunteer opportunities: Wed-Fri-Sat-Sun.



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OUR PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER- IMAGINATION FACTORY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

OUR PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER
is a safe place where people of all ages experience a sense of belonging, interactive play, volunteering and positive interpersonal relationships.



IMAGINATION FACTORY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM -
the centerpiece of Our Place Community Center, promotes interactive learning and self discovery for children of all ages.

GOALS & ACTIVITIES

MISSION

Implementing a community center and children's museum in Dickinson County and surrounding areas is meaningful when a safe gathering place creates a sense of belonging for children, youth, adults and the elderly.

By having a neutral site, everyone is welcomed from all communities. Parents have consistently expressed a need to have a place to meet other parents and have their children active in creative and innovative learning experiences outside of school. Local stakeholders have acclaimed and applauded the importance of educating families about leadership, early literacy and family engagement. Parents greatly value their children experiencing interactive and creative learning that is not available at home.

PROGRAMS

Imagination Factory Children's Museum Doors opened September, 2021. The Community Center-Children's Museum is a supportive, creative and friendly environment. Participants are provided an opportunity to experience creative activities and new learning situations to improve social-emotion health, critical thinking skills, self confidence, early literacy and leadership skills.

SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

On Saturday mornings the Great Start Collaborative sponsors children's activities that welcome all children and family members. Presenters feature topics on early literacy, early childhood education, communication, arts & crafts, movement, physical fitness . . . [KEY COLLABORATIONS -](#)



ROOM HIGHLIGHTS

- * Artwork: Wall Murals, Book Tree, Building and Exhibit Designs and Paintings
- * Entrance: welcoming features - imagination, dragons and castle
- * Tiny Town: town teaches how to live together and value environmental sensitivity, civic responsibilities and community unity and togetherness
- * Community Room: quiet space of comfort, gathering and toddler play areas
- * Exhibits Rooms: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT and INDUSTRY interactive play areas
- * Volunteer Room: place where volunteers relax and plan action on museum assistance
- * Art-Media-Game Room: special place for creative activities and interactive wall exhibit fun

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

OVERVIEW

The implementation of a Children's Museum is a 'dream come true'. Great Start and many other community partners have been THINKING BIG to open the doors of a special place for everyone to come and learn, connect and have fun.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBITS

EARLY LITERACY	TEETH
BOSS SNOWPLOW	EYES
SYSTEMS CONTROL	HEART
MOVEMENT-BALANCE	BRAIN
VIRTUAL SANDBOX	MUSIC STATION
LAKE SHORE SYSTEMS	GLIDERS
SKI JUMP	FISHING
ROBOTICS	LEGO WALL
FARM	BALL WALL
CORNISH PUMP	VIRTUAL PLAYGROUND
MINING	BAY COLLEGE PIXEL PINS

IMAGINATION FACTORY GROUP VISITS

SCHOOL CLASSROOMS
CHURCH GROUPS
COMMUNITY GROUPS
ORGANIZATIONS

WEBSITE NAVIGATION BAR PLAN YOUR VISIT

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BUILDING FEATURES

6,000 Square Feet featuring 8 Rooms

- COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM:** Relaxation, Reading, Chat' Time, Toddler Play
- GAME-MEDIA-ART ROOM:** Creative Learning, Interactive Wall Exhibits
- Imagination Factory Rooms:** ENVIRONMENT, INDUSTRY, HEALTH
- SUNSHINE ROOM:** Promote Healthy Eating, Music Station, More Play Stations
- TINY TOWN:** 11 Small buildings in Hallway featuring interactive play experiences
- PHOTO BOOTH:** Take Home Photographs
- BOOK TREE & READING SPACES:** encourages quiet time reading and early literacy