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20th Annual Chair-ity Auction and Dinner *Building A Brighter Future!*

June 2, 2023

Dear Friend of CMSC,

The Children's Museum of Skagit County (CMSC) will be **Building A Brighter Future** during the **20th Annual Chair-ity Auction**. The virtual silent auction begins on September 24th, with an in-person celebration at the Swinomish Casino and Lodge on September 30, 2023. The in-person event will include the live auction. Your donation will be highlighted in both the virtual and in-person segments.

CMSC inspires lifelong learning with interactive exhibits and programs that inspire creativity, imagination, problem-solving, STEAM opportunities and intergenerational experiences! **Over the nearly 20 years in operation, we have hosted over 1,000,000 children and families.** With real life exhibits, such as a semi-truck, tug boat, crane, doctor and dental offices, construction, banking, design and architecture, art/music/theater and more, children can have the chance to explore future careers and interests.

We've been thrilled to be fully operational, hosting celebrations, and programs. Highlights include:

- Our Museum Explorers Preschool program has been back in the museum, including yoga classes.
- Our scholarship program has continued to assist children by providing birthday parties hosted at CMSC or delivered to families. The program supports field trips, admissions, membership, tuition assistance.
- Community Access Days are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, to ensure all can come and play!
- The 13th Annual Skagit Kids Read Week was May 7th-13th, 2023, with over 150 books distributed to elementaries and preschools, plus every library in Skagit County. Author Barney Saltzberg was onsite!
- The **Help Me Grow-Skagit Family Resource Center** began in 2020, and has served thousands of families in our community. The HMG-S Family Resource Center provides basic needs for families, including safe sleep equipment, along with books and educational activities for infants and children. Connecting people to other resources and services is another key component. Multiple staff are now certified car seat technicians, and can assist families with car seats and installations.
- Celebrations and Events resumed, and it's been a joy to host groups such as Leadership Skagit.
- Camps and Classes held throughout the year have been inspiring hundreds of children.
- Two new programs have begun: Music Therapy, in partnership with SPARC; and Sensory Explorations at CMSC, offered two days per month during special hours.
- Winter Wonderland 2022 had over 9,200 visitors during the two and half days, which is record breaking!

There continues to be a great need for all of the scholarship programs. The support we receive will ensure that CMSC is able to keep this safe haven and community jewel a vital resource for children, families, educators and social services, including being host site for supervised visits, and continued operation of the Help Me Grow Skagit Family Resource Center.

Your donation means that we can address critical needs in our community. We all want our next generation to be equipped for the workforce and to be good citizens for our community. With the support from individuals and businesses like you, we can make a difference!

In this new time of in-person and virtual events, we're excited to highlight your business to a greater extent. This would give your company excellent exposure and help support a vital community resource and organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email: Cate@skagitcm.org, or my cellphone: 360-770-9746. Thank you for your consideration!

Best Regards,

Cate Anderson, Executive Director

The mission of the Children's Museum of Skagit County is to promote, encourage and increase an understanding of the arts, science, culture and literature among the children, youth, families and educators in Skagit County and beyond.



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September 30, 2023

Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits

The Children's Museum of Skagit County, one of the Valley's premier spots just for children, their families and educators, will be hosting our **20th Annual Chair-ity Auction and Dinner** on September 30th. The Silent auction will start ahead of time, online. For sponsors, this means that your sponsorship will have even greater visibility and impact. The in-person event will include information about the Children's Museum, and the Help Me Grow Skagit Family Resource Center, to highlight the important work of the museum!

Proceeds from the 20th Annual Chair-ity Auction and Dinner will go towards educational programs and operations at the museum, which are vital to our continued success. The live and silent auction will feature trips, gift certificates, experiences, chairs, paintings, baskets, plus some scrumptious desserts. Our Fund-A-Need will be the Scholarship Program, which continues to serve critical needs for children and their families.

Platinum Armchair Sponsor ~ \$2,500

- ❖ Taped 30-second spot at the Children's Museum. This spot will run during our live event, plus will be linked to our auction and CMSC website. You will be able to use it for your marketing, as well!
- ❖ Your business will be highlighted with a banner displayed during the virtual and in-person auctions.
- ❖ Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor in event materials, printed and virtual platform.
- ❖ Sponsor recognition and logo will be published in Children's Museum of Skagit County website and e-blasts. These social media formats reach thousands of households and businesses weekly.
- ❖ Logo recognition and a link to your site on the CMSC Web site, Facebook and Twitter.
- ❖ A sponsor's easel will display company as Platinum Sponsor in the museum for an extended period of time.
- ❖ Ten complimentary tickets for the in-person event on 9/30/23.

Gold Recliner Sponsor/Scholarship Matching Funds Sponsor ~ \$1,000

- ❖ Recognition as a Gold/Scholarship Sponsor in event materials, printed and virtual platform.
- ❖ Your business will be highlighted with a banner displayed within the virtual and in-person auctions.
- ❖ Sponsor recognition and logo will be published in Children's Museum of Skagit County website and e-blasts. These social media formats reach thousands of households and businesses weekly.
- ❖ Logo recognition and a link to your site on the CMSC Web site, Facebook and Twitter.
- ❖ A sponsor's easel will display company as Gold Sponsor in the museum for an extended period of time.
- ❖ Eight-Ten complimentary tickets for the in-person event on 9/30/23.

Silver Adirondack Sponsor ~ \$500

- ❖ Recognition as a Silver Sponsor in event materials, printed and virtual platform.
- ❖ Sponsor recognition and logo will be published in Children's Museum of Skagit County website and e-blasts. These social media formats reach thousands of households and businesses weekly.
- ❖ Logo recognition and a link to your site on the CMSC Web site, Facebook and Twitter.
- ❖ A sponsor's easel will display company as a Silver Sponsor in the museum for an extended period of time.
- ❖ Four complimentary tickets for the in-person event on 9/30/23.

Wine and Champagne Sponsor ~ \$500

- ❖ Recognition as a Wine and Champagne Sponsor in event materials, printed and virtual platform.
- ❖ Sponsor recognition and logo will be published in Children's Museum of Skagit County website and e-blasts. These social media formats reach thousands of households and businesses weekly.
- ❖ Logo recognition and a link to your site on the CMSC Web site, Facebook and Twitter.
- ❖ A sponsor's easel will display company as a Wine and Champagne Sponsor in the museum for an extended period of time.
- ❖ Four complimentary tickets for the in-person event on 9/30/23.

Donations to the Children's Museum of Skagit County are welcomed!

- ❖ Please see the Sponsorship Agreement form to make your tax-deductible donation to CMSC!



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Sponsorship Agreement Form

BUSINESS _____

Please print the name of the business exactly as it should appear in printed materials.

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Chair-ity Auction 9/30/23

Building A Brighter Future!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

PRICE

_____ Platinum Armchair Sponsorship	\$2,500
_____ Gold Recliner Sponsorship	\$1,000
_____ Silver Adirondack Sponsorship	\$ 500
_____ Wine and Champagne Sponsor	\$ 500
_____ Scholarship Program-Matching Funds	\$1,000
_____ Donation to CMSC	\$_____

Corporate Representative _____

Date _____

CMSC Representative _____

Date _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- ☐ Check (payable to the Children's Museum of Skagit County) Please send to: CMSC/Attn. Cate Anderson
432 Fashion Way/Burlington, WA 98233
- ☐ Send Bill (Due upon invoice)
- ☐ Credit Card (On line via website at www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net or Contact Cate at 360-757-8888)

Note: This year the event will be held in a hybrid format, with the Silent Auction online, and the Live Auction Event on Saturday, September 30th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!