

children's
museum

YUMA COUNTY

Creating Playful Change in our Community



Our Mission

Creating playful experiences where
all children learn through
exploration, imagination, and creativity.



Our History...

- What is a children's museum?
- Children's Museum of Yuma County was founded in 2013
- For the past 9 years, we have:
 - Operated successful outreach events, a summer children's museum for 4 summers, virtual class kit program, and a summer camp program
 - Partnered with community members, service organizations, individual schools and districts, governmental agencies and other nonprofits and foundations to advance our mission
 - Become members of the international Association of Children's Museums and the National Informal STEM Education Network

Responding to the Community During the Pandemic

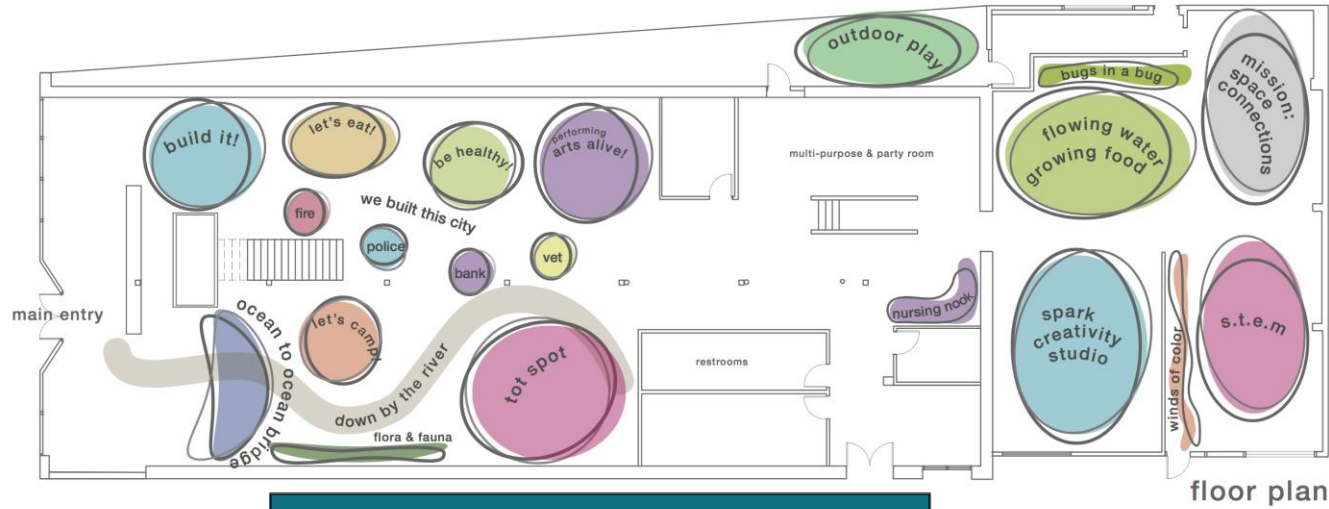


- Shared online activity suggestions in early days of COVID-19 pandemic
- Developed a Museum@Home Class Kit Program Summer 2020
- Created our Spark Creative Curiosity Camps for Summer 2021





let's build a museum!



Exhibits Featured

- Down By the River & Tot Spot
- We Built This City
- Flowing Water, Growing Food
- Bugs in a Bug
- Mission: Space Connections
- Nanotechnology
- Winds of Color
- Spark Creativity Studio



Our needs are greater than ever as we make our museum a reality...

- General operating expenses
- General program expenses
 - field trips
 - camps
 - workshops
 - pass program for economically disadvantaged families and more
- Enhancing enrichment experiences for guests, staff, and volunteers

How will we benefit the City of San Luis?

- Opportunities
 - Strengthen existing partnerships, programs, and outreach
 - Foster new partnerships, programs, and outreach
- Value
 - Supporting needs of children and families
 - Enriching lives of children & families
 - Supporting economic development

Key Funders During Our Development

Regional Center for Border Health

Sunset Community Health Center

Shay Oil Company

Gowan Company

Academy Mortgage Company

JV Smith Farms & Smith Family
Foundation

Yuma County Chamber of
Commerce

BLT Companies

Yuma Insurance Company

Arizona Lighting Company

Yuma Foot Care

Taylor Engineering

Dahl, Robins, & Associates

AEA Federal Credit Union

1st Bank Yuma

YRMC

Carol & Company Realtors

Partners Real Estate Group

Greater Yuma Economic
Development Corporation

NexGen Yuma

Strong Beginnings

Southwest Gas

Pilkington Construction

Yuma Investment Group

Other Support

Grant Funding

Arizona Community Foundation of Yuma

Community Foundation of Southern
Arizona

Arizona Community Foundation

Arizona Public Service

Officers' Spouses' Club of MCAS Yuma

Arizona Commission on the Arts

Flinn Foundation

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Service Organizations

Yuma Rotary Club

Fort Yuma Rotary Club

Sunrise Rotary Club

Rotary District 5500

Planned Revenue Streams

- Earned Revenue
 - Admissions (\$6-7/person)
 - Memberships (family and corporate)
 - Camp, Workshop, Class Fees
 - Field Trip Fees
 - Facility Rentals (primarily for birthday parties and showers)
 - Retail Gift Shop Sales
- Contributed Revenue
 - Monthly Giving Program
 - Fundraising Events
 - Corporate, Organization, Individual Donations
 - Sponsorships of Events, Programs, or Exhibits
 - Grant Funding (short-term and multi-year)
 - Governmental Funding

This is so much better than school!

~~Liam G., age 12

SparkCamps 2021

Aww! I want to keep coming
back next week!

~~Michael, age 6

SparkCamps 2021



Thanks for giving kids like me a place to belong.

~~Jasmine, age 11

Summer Children's Museum 2019



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