

LEADERSHIP

TEAMWORK

Over the past year, community leaders have come together to begin the implementation of a community center-children's museum in the Dickinson County area. Over 200 community leaders have joined together to implement a nonprofit organization; form a board of directors, membership team and committees; and develop a mission, vision, leadership-program model and a museum exhibit action plan. Teamwork continues as the Design Team works on building renovations!

The excitement from individuals and families in the community has been overwhelmingly positive! Many community leaders report that 'everyone of every age' sees themselves coming to the community center-children's museum. "Our children love children museums and they are especially excited to be able to return to a neighborhood children's museum on a regular basis," reported exhibit team leader Cherie Fila. "Everyone needs a place where they can go and feel welcomed, comfortable and safe. The Community Center will be an intergenerational gathering place where everyone belongs," acclaimed Director Barb Reisner. "We will not duplicate services in our area. 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 programs, events and activities that will enrich their lives," announced Director Jonathan Ringel.

FOLLOW US

The Community Center has a website that will allow viewers to see the schedule of upcoming events, programs and activities; as well as get to know and communicate with the community center leaders. Contributions to the operating costs, children's museum exhibits and children/youth programs can be made on the website.

Community Center-Imagination Factory Website – ourplacecc.org

Welcome from Executive Board Members –

JONATHAN RINGEL, TAMARA JUUL, BARB REISNER, JEFF GURCHINOFF, JOHN ESTES



Board of Directors

President - John Estes
Vice President - Steve Mulka
Secretary - Ruth Manier
Treasurer - Dian Miller
Volunteers - Becky Nord

Beth Bray, Cherie Fila,
Jeff Gurchinoff, Tamara Juul,
Becky Nord, Jonathan Ringel,
Barb Reisner, Kim Webb



OUR PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER- IMAGINATION FACTORY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

OUR PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER

will provide a safe place where people of all ages experience a sense of belonging, life satisfaction and healthy lifestyle choices.



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

Abbreviation: OPCC-IF

GOALS & PROGRAMS

MISSION

The mission and overall purpose of implementing a community center and children's museum in Dickinson County and surrounding communities is to provide a safe gathering place that creates a sense of belonging for children, youth, adults and the elderly.

OPCC-IF is a neutral site that welcomes everyone from all communities. Parents strongly desire and value having a place to meet other parents; as well as having their children active in creative and innovative learning experiences outside of school. Local stakeholders have acclaimed and applauded the importance of promoting healthy lifestyle choices for families and serving participants of all ages. Parents especially value their children experiencing interactive and creative learning that is not available at home.

PROGRAMS

The Community Center-Children's Museum will be a supportive, creative and friendly environment. Participants will have the opportunity to experience creative activities and new learning situations to improve social-emotion health, critical thinking skills, self confidence and health.

Community Center Room - Resources, Book Mailbox, Reading Nooks, Toddler Play

Children's Museum - Five Room Exhibit Area and Hallway Town of Imagine

Empowerment Room - Creative Projects, Meeting Room for Leaders

Service Tool Kits - Community Resources featuring Service Provider Information

Family Community Events - Family Fun

Education Series - Events featuring local presenters

Trainings - Lifelong Learning Experiences, Hands-on Workshops

Special Children's Activities - Saturdays

Empowerment Team - High School Leaders making a difference

IMPACT Team - Student leaders presenting in elementary classrooms



ROOM HIGHLIGHTS

- * Imagination Factory Children's Museum Doors open May, 2021
- * New Floors and Wall Murals
- * Imagination Factory surprise Imagination Entrance
- * Town of Imagine being built as a town that will teach about how to live together understanding the values of environmentally sensitivity, civic responsibilities and community leadership.
- * The Community Room will be a quiet space of comfort - a place to meet friends, with family and experience relaxation - comfortable reading nooks for children.
- * Exhibits are being placed in the 3 museum rooms; exhibits purchased and built by the Design Team
- * The Way To Grow Garden features 4 Tower Gardens, eating tables and a toddler play area
- * The Store is a room that features art projects and other take home items
- * The Empowerment Room is a special place for creative activities; art projects, photography . . .



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

OVERVIEW

The implementation of a Children's Museum will be a 'dream come true'. Great Start and many other community partners have been meeting over the past four years planning how this valuable interactive learning museum will become a reality!

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Exhibits Now Being Built or Purchased

EARLY LITERACY	TEETH
BOSS SNOWPLOW	EYES
SYSTEMS CONTROL	HEART
MOVEMENT-BALANCE	BRAIN
VIRTUAL SANDBOX	GEAR UP MATH
LAKESHORE	GLIDERS
SKI JUMP	FISHING
ROBOTICS	ANIMALAND
ANIMAL BARN	PLAY STATIONS
CORNISH PUMP	VIRTUAL PLAYGROUND

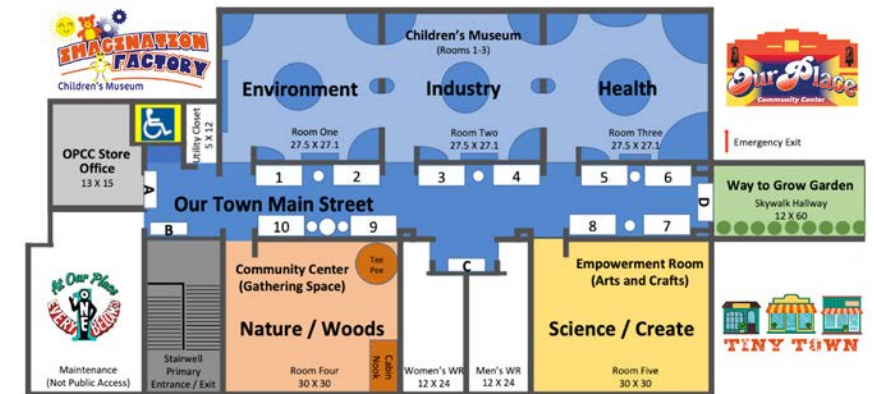
IMAGINATION FACTORY TOUR SCHEDULE

JANUARY 15 - MARCH 15
2021 TOUR SCHEDULE

Tuesdays @ 4:00 PM
Thursdays @ 7:00 PM
Saturdays @ 1:00 PM

Schedule date-time, email Barb

barb@ourplacecc.org



BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

7,000 Square Feet featuring Eight-Rooms

Community Center Room: Relaxation, Reading, Chat' Time, Toddler Play

Empowerment Room: Leadership Meetings, Creative Learning

Imagination Factory Rooms: **ENVIRONMENT, INDUSTRY, HEALTH**

Way To Grow Garden: Promote healthy eating, Tables, Barn with Play Animals

TOWN OF IMAGINE: Small buildings in Hallway featuring interactive civic education

Quiet Time Reading Nooks and Book Mailbox featuring Take Home Books

Entrance: Welcoming and energizing staircase - IMAGINATION

Electronic Equipment: Showcase artwork, children's activities, Empowerment Team

Photo Station: Take Home Photographs