

Kid Time
is becoming



The Children's Museum

OF SOUTHERN OREGON



WINTER 2021





Executive Director's Note

While 2021 has presented its challenges, it has been an exciting year for Kid Time! Our renovation of the Historic Carnegie Building is nearly complete, and we will soon be ready to re-open as the new Children's Museum of Southern Oregon. Our new exhibits and programs will offer a wealth of creative and educational opportunities to children and families not found anywhere else. Not to worry - all memberships have been placed on hold until our re-opening.

Thanks to the support of the community and our many partners, we have continued to serve thousands of children with virtual programs and take-home activity kits. Our Ivy School Preschool has nearly doubled in size from when we left our previous location in March of 2020. And soon, we will be starting construction on our new, world-class outdoor play space – a new feature that is sure to become a regional destination.

We thank you all for your patience and generosity through this process. Now, more than ever, children need the play-based learning opportunities we offer. We have missed you all, and can't wait to welcome you to our new children's museum soon.

Sincerely,

Sunny Spicer

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Kid Time From Home Kits

Play has a way of working through even the toughest of times, and boy, has this been a tough time for our community! From a worldwide medical emergency, to the fires that devastated our area, it's been a rough run. But, all throughout this difficult journey, play has survived and thrived. Play is an essential part of early development, and while we've been in construction, we've been working to provide as many at home play elements as possible.



One of our biggest focuses has been our Kid Time From Home Kits, which are play based packages that families pickup at our location to bring home and play and learn with. It's been a massively successful endeavor, as we've been able to provide over 8,000 kits jam-packed with a variety of themes ranging from Super Hero play, to Halloween fun!

There's something special about seeing families come and get these kits. The excitement on the children's faces, and the level of trust the caregivers have for us, knowing that we're working hard to provide immersive at home play experiences. Thank you all for being a part of the Kid Time family and we can't wait to open! **Play on!**



Our Volunteers

Volunteering during a pandemic is a challenge - but one that many volunteers accomplished. I am constantly amazed at the generosity of people. During the last two years, wonderful volunteers pulled ivy, planted flower bulbs, beautified preschool play spaces, cleaned furniture and helped assemble over 8,000 Kid Time from Home Kits. Even volunteers that couldn't donate their most valuable asset, **TIME**, donated pumpkins, buttons, preschool clothes, books and other supplies. Over this summer, volunteer assistant instructors joined the teachers at preschool summer camps. Foster grandmothers and student teachers help in the preschool classrooms. Each day, I'm full of gratitude for these volunteer rock stars and the services they provide. **We're looking forward to the day when volunteers join us in the all-new museum!**



2020 to date



235 volunteers

2,109 hours

INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?



Check out the website at kid-time/volunteer or email me at kristi@kid-time.org.



Where We Are

WHOOSH, ZOOM, BAM!

We are building, people! We are excited for you all to come see the magic that is happening here at The Children's Museum. In the meantime, ALL of your memberships have been paused, so you won't miss a moment of the action. Meanwhile, we have Wind Labs blowing, ambulances zooming, trees growing, and Sound Labs...well, sounding. We're not quite done yet. But here, take a look!



working hard



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watching our progress



1,865,600 impressions
6,223 followers



4,576 Views



The Ivy School bringing magic each day!

Part of the magic of Kid Time is the inclusion of our incredible preschool, The Ivy School. The Ivy School is a preschool program that provides high quality educational opportunities to children ages 3-5.

The Ivy School has always been part of Kid Time Children's Museum, and it is this partnership within the organization that makes this one of a kind opportunity for the children of Southern Oregon possible. The Ivy School's focus is on providing play based learning experiences for all children. About 70% of our students receive scholarships to make access to our program possible, these scholarships are funded through synergistic relationship with **Preschool Promise, Medford School District, City of Medford, The Reed & Carolee Walker Fund and other amazing organizations.**

The highly skilled and educated staff at The Ivy School are able to listen to the needs and the interests of their students and create beautiful curriculum to engage and inspire. One day we could be digging for worms and learning about compost and another day we could be building our own rockets to explore the galaxy!

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS

173  Students Enrolled

112
Students Receiving Financial Assistance

10 Classrooms
5 Different Sites



Your Donations Matter!

Here at Kid Time, over 70% of the children who attend our preschool require financial aid in order to participate. Nearly half of all museum members receive sliding scale scholarships for the free play and drop-in early childhood programs set to resume in early 2022. Every dollar invested in early childhood opportunities by the generosity of our community has long term societal impacts. But for the families that receive this support, it is life changing.



By supporting Kid Time scholarship funds, you are opening the door to opportunity!

“ I don't even know where to begin. My son has only been at The Ivy School a few short months, and the growth I have seen is incredible. When he started he had no regular interaction with kids his age. Everyday I am seeing him grow not only academically but also socially. When he first started he would always be right next to the teacher side or in the corner of the play area completely by himself, now when I pick him up I am seeing him playing and interacting with other kids with a big smile on his face. The financial aid has been the biggest blessing and is honestly the only reason that he is able to attend school. I had to quit my full-time job because of the cost of daycare and due to having to homeschool my older kids because of the pandemic. My husband works all the time to support our family but that's just to make ends meet. I always struggled because I felt like I was letting my child down because we cannot afford to send him to go to school and it broke my heart. He deserves to get the education and learn the social skills needed to start kindergarten. Saying we are thankful for the financial aid is an understatement. **It has changed the life of our son and I couldn't be more grateful for that.** ”

-Deanna, Kid Time Parent



Watch the "Colors" episode of Anywhere Learning, filmed in partnership with Medford School District and SOPTV



Kid's Corner

Time to hunt for colors! One color at a time, look around your house or outside and grab anything small that is that color and place it in a pile. For an added challenge, this can be a timed activity, giving only 1 or 2 minutes per color. When you have successfully hunted for each color, stand back and observe the beautiful array of colors you have found!

Did you know you had a rainbow in your house just waiting to be discovered?



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