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Where is the place for the children?

Metro Council is going to hold several public comment meetings. District 15 Council member Jeff Syracuse says the upcoming meetings will "provide Council members an opportunity to shape Nashville's future concerning the overall East Bank redevelopment and transportation issues." (tnledger.com) **Please attend and advocate for the children's museum as part of the East Bank redevelopment. Here are some talking points to use.**

Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. East High School

Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Southeast Community Center

Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. North Precinct/William D. Bodenhamer Building

Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Bellevue Community Center

Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Hermitage Precinct

- We have the chance to strengthen and extend educational opportunities for children in every neighborhood by building a world-class children's museum on the East Bank.
- Children's museums throughout the country are a unique and inclusive environment for family-friendly, child-centered learning.
- Research is clear that discovery through play and hands-on experience offers tremendous benefits for the brain development of kids from ages 1-10.
- We need our children and grandchildren, who will be the adults of the city now being planned, to be capable and confident leaders of that city.
- Nashville is the largest metro area in the United States without a comprehensive children's museum. We can use this opportunity to address that deficit and benefit our children and families for years to come.

We want to establish the Music City Children's Museum on the East Bank for the adults of Nashville's future. There is nothing else being proposed with the power to draw families from the entire region to make it a neighborhood for all of us.

Pledge your Support to Music City Children's Museum

Pledging is a written declaration that your donation will be made once construction starts on Music City Children's Museum. Whether it's \$1 or \$1000, every pledge counts. Please help us show our community's commitment to bringing a children's museum to Nashville.

Fun Fact: If \$1 is pledged for every child in Nashville, we would have nearly \$100,000!

(2019 Census - 85,052 children ages 0-9)

[Pledge Now >](#)



Exciting Collaborations are in the Works!

Last week we met with the owners of Little Art House to discuss how Music City Children's Museum and the Little Art House Foundation could work together in the future. We don't have details to share just yet, but we can't wait to collaborate with them to bring fun and educational experiences to our community!

Thankful Trees and Teaching Gratitude

Gratitude can be a big concept for little minds. Start simple with a visual representation of the things for which your family is grateful.

Using sticks and leaves from your own yard, create a Thankful Tree. Each family member can add one leaf each day until your tree is bursting with color and gratitude.

Learn more about teaching children gratitude from Andrea Hussong, Ph.D. [What Parents Need to Teach about Gratitude](#)



[Read More](#)

Here is How to Help

- **Pledge** your support
- Share the vision with friends
- **Connect** us to individuals that can help promote MCCM
- **Write** your council member and tell them you want a Children's Museum in Nashville
- Shop **Amazon Smile** (Under the name Children's Museum Development Group)
- Host a Community Event

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Corner Quotes

"I would love to see a children's museum in Nashville! I currently live in Houston, Texas. We visited the one here. My grandchildren LOVED it and learned from exploring all the various exhibits. I visited Nashville, but there wasn't that much for young children ages six and under. This is what Nashville needs! Please consider opening a children's museum geared for young children to explore and learn about their world. It would be a place suitable for all seasons, rain or shine, and a place where parents can interact with their children to help them learn." Linda

Share your thoughts with us!

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WHENEVER CHILDREN SAY
"Let's pretend", A
NEW LANDSCAPE OF
POSSIBILITIES FOR LEARNING IS
REVEALED.

WHEN CHILDREN PRETEND, THEY
TRY ON NEW FEELINGS, ROLES
AND IDEAS. THEY *stretch*
their minds ALONG WITH
THEIR *imagination*s.

~ Curtis & Carter