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Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Kicks Off its Year of Kindness; Visitors Who Donate to a Monthly Collection Drive Get One Free Admission

The first collection will be a food drive in January

PITTSBURGH (December 30, 2025) – Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is excited to announce the start of a year-long initiative to collect items for those in need in the community.

Partnering with local organizations, the Museum will target a specific community need each month of 2026 and collect items to assist with that need, such as food, school supplies, baby supplies and toys.

Kicking off the "Year of Kindness" in January will be a food drive where the collected items will go to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank for distribution.

Every visitor who brings an item to donate to one of the Year of Kindness drives – in January, this means a nonperishable food item - will receive one free admission to apply to their visit that day; limit one adult ticket per family.

"We're excited to launch a full year of giving back to the community and showing kindness to those in need," says Jane Werner, Executive Director of Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. "We're working with community partners to better understand what specific items are needed and when they're needed."

Historically, the Children's Museum has received great support from the community for its annual Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive, which has collected and distributed sweaters for more than 25 years. Additionally, the Museum's diaper drive in 2023 collected more than 27,000 diapers for the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank.

| Check pittsburghkids.org/collection and the Children's Museum social media accounts (see below) for details on each monthly collection.

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About Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, creativity, curiosity and joy for all learners. We forge connections with artists, community partners and neighbors to work on behalf of children, youth and families. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas include the Art Studio, Garage, Waterplay, Kindness Gallery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®.

The Children's Museum is open Monday through Sunday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and closed on select Wednesdays throughout the year. Admission is \$21 for adults, \$19 for children 2-18 and senior citizens. Children under two are free. The Museum is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side at 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information, please call (412) 322-5058 or visit the Museum website, pittsburghkids.org.

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