

Play Sharity

GALLUP
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM





WHAT **IS** *Play Sharity?*

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM + **CIVIL ENGAGEMENT**

Sharing hands-on learning with children by involving them in science, art, culture, **and civil engagement**. Inspiring young leaders to activate **sharing** in their communities.

In the New Mexico Needs Assessment, underrepresented populations reported amplified needs for basic programs such as spaces for community gathering and education programs (2022).

In well-resourced communities, preschool children spend more than 80% of their waking hours engaged in informal learning experiences outside of school. (National Library of Medicine, 2022).



8 EXHIBITS
\$135,505.57

Free access for
Mckinley County &
Navajo Nation **Residence**

Serving more than **20,000**
children ages 0-17 with
dynamic learning experiences for

**A safe &
nurturing
place to
play**

**A unique
integration
of cultural
play**

**Informal
STEAM
based
activities**

**Community
connections
& networks**



**WINDY
WONDERS**



**CARDBOARD
CITY**



**TUNNELS
TUBES &
TRACKS**



**THE iiná OF
WOOL**

Play Sharity



**LOOSE
PARTS &
ARTS LAB**



**BLUE
BLOCKS**



**LIGHT
HOUSE**



**MINI
GALLUP**

EXHIBITS



LOOSE PARTS & ARTS LAB

In the lab, children can access art supplies and loose parts (i.e., wooden spools or popsicle sticks) to build, sculpt, paint, and design their ideas. Children can use the color wheels to experiment with mixing hues. They can hop on the pottery wheel or paint on the easels. In the lab, you will also find a giant sculpture of a roadrunner that kids can add layers of paint on.

COGNITIVE

SOCIAL

EMOTIONAL

CREATIVE

PHYSICAL

TOTAL COST
\$7,858.60



PARTS & ARTS WORKTABLE

LARGE COLLABORATIVE WORKTABLE
EASLES & POTTERY WHEELS
STORAGE WITH REPLENISHABLE SUPPLIES



THE COLOR WHEEL

TWO LARGE TRANSLUENT WHEELS
SPIN TABLES



THE ROADRUNNER

4 FT STATUE OF A PAINTABLE ROADRUNNER
PAINTS & SMOCKS AVAILABLE



LOOSE PARTS STORAGE

STORAGE RACKS FOR LOOSE PARTS
LOOSE PARTS REPLENISHABLES



CARDBOARD CITY

Cardboard City ignites a new generation of recyclers when they discover endless possibilities for using cardboard! With our kid-friendly cardboard table saw and tools set, kids learn they can make anything from toys, puzzles, games, and displays.

PHYSICAL

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EMOTIONAL



TUNNELS TUBES & TRACKS

Tunnels, Tubes and Tracks exhibit is a special place for our future engineers. With stations focused on intersection, speed, force, and leverage, these activities will keep your young builders busy.

COGNITIVE

PHYSICAL

EMOTIONAL



EXHIBIT FEATURES

WORKING WALL

RIGAMAJIG

RAMPS

BNSF RAILROAD



TOTAL COST
\$17,137.15

TEAM • STEAM • STEAM • STEAM



LIGHT HOUSE

The Light House shares the magnificent power of light. As they explore the light tables, lite brite, and our stain glass maker, kids will love to see their creations shine bright.

COGNITIVE

CREATIVE

EXHIBIT FEATURES

GIANT LITE BRITE

TOPOGRAPHICAL

SANDBOX

LIGHT & MIRROR

TABLES

LIGHT LASER TABLE



TOTAL COST
\$12,749.82



THE iiná OF WOOL

This locally designed exhibit demonstrates how Navajo weavers use wool to make extravagant tapestries. Children can card, spin, and weave using a Navajo loom. Children can design patterns, experiment with natural dyes, and take care of sheep.



FLEXING SKILLS

- Sustaining attention by focusing on a task
- Using fine motor skills for weaving techniques
- Finding multiple ways to accomplish a task
- Building on working memory with repetition of patterns & techniques
- Coordinating motor output with visual input
- Trying new ideas and building on other ideas
- Expanding on sensory integration
- Practicing resiliency with challenging tasks

SHEERING SHEEP

PLAY & CLIMB ON FAKE SHEEP
TAKE WOOL ON & OFF THE SHEEP
PICTURES & STORIES OF NAVAJO SHEPPERDS



THE WOOL WALL

WOOL COVERING WALLS & CEILINGS
THREE AREAS OF DIFFERENT TEXTURES



BLEND BOARD

10 X 10FT WALL MOUNTED BLEND BOARD
DOWEL HAND CARDERS & WOOL SAMPLES

WE WEAVE

LARGE CENTER-PIECE NAVAJO LOOM
CHILDREN CAN COLLECTIVELY WEAVE
BENCHES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

ZOOM THE LOOM

WALL PROJECTORS FOR KIDS TO USE
TRANSLUENT CARDS WITH NAVAJO PATTERNS
TRACING PATTERNS & DESIGNING RUGS

DYES LAB

NATURAL HERBS & FLOWERS TO GRIND
GRINDING STONE FOR MAKING DYES
MIXING POWDER & USING IT



PROGRAM initiatives

Along with The iina of Wool exhibit, we hope to partner with organizations to host weaving events for children and families to participate in. The space will allow for demonstrations, after school or summer classes, and workshops.



PRIORITIES IN PLANNING

- Forming a cultural exhibits committee for authenticity, program planning, and cultural responsiveness.
- Connecting with local shepherds, weavers, artists, and organizations to collaborate ideas and practices.
- Hiring local carpenters, designers, and artists to build the exhibit.
- Facilitating exhibit testing groups to receive feedback from the community on the cultural responsiveness.
- All replenishable materials will be purchased from local distributors.

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS \$65,000

4 HIRED DESIGNERS & CREATIVES
2 SHEEP STATUES
WOOL MATERIALS
GIANT HANDMADE KIDS LOOM
BENCHES & WORKSTATIONS
CUSTOM BLEND BOARD
HAND CARDERS
REPLENISHABLE ITEMS FOR A YEAR

PROJECTOR & DRAWING MATERIALS
GRINDING STONE DISPLAY
CUSTOM DYE STATION
ART WORK & DISPLAYS
NATURAL DRIED HERBS
SMALL INDIVIDUAL LOOMS



Authorization was approved in using pictures from navajoshepperd's social media account. Exhibit ideas have not been designed by the cultural exhibits committee and will be adjusted to uphold authenticity and responsiveness.



Mini Gallup is a hands-on town showcasing some of Gallup's iconic places of work. Each business features how our local heroes contribute to the work in our community. Children will take on the role of civil servants by imitating the work through imagination, collaboration, and play.

- COGNITIVE
- SOCIAL
- EMOTIONAL
- CREATIVE
- PHYSICAL



La Montanita Grocery Store



The Farm



Navajo Transit





EL Morro Theater



Animal Clinic



Hogan



EXHIBIT FEATURES

6 MINI BUILDINGS

INTERACTIVE PROPS

CUSTOM GALLUP FEATURES

TOTAL COST
\$15,000.00



**IT'S THE THINGS WE
PLAY WITH AND THE**

people

**WHO HELP US PLAY
THAT MAKES A GREAT
DIFFERENCE IN OUR
LIVES.**

-MISTER ROGERS



WINDY WONDERS

The Windy Wonders exhibit lets kids joyfully experiment with how materials interact with wind patterns by observing wind speed, temperature, and direction.

COGNITIVE

SOCIAL



WHAT IS IN THE EXHIBIT?

WIND WALL

THE TUNNEL

HOT AIR BALLOON

LET'S FLOAT

ROCKET POWER

TOTAL: \$6,632.00



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BLUE BLOCKS

The Blue Blocks Imagination Playground exhibit is an open-ended arena where you can use your imagination to build large creations. From boats, houses, and rockets to ball runners and carousels, children collaborate in moving these foam pieces into elaborate designs.

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CREATIVE

THIS \$3,100 EXHIBIT WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED BY THE MCKINLEY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION



Ashá Café



KIDS need
FOOD
before they can
PLAY

Through partnerships, the Ashá Café provides healthy snacks FREE to children at the museum. Making sure kids have full bellies so they can play to the max.

Imaginibbles®
Comes with side of baked tots or googly fruit

MAINS

- Grilledzilla**
Add turkey
- Do-Re-For-Me**
BEST KIDS' MEAL IN THE U.S.!
- Whoopsie Daisy**
5-piece • 3-piece
- Spaceadilla**

SIDES

- Googly Fruit Cup**
- Crocamole**

TREATS

- Dino S'mores**



PROGRAMS

UNITE

A two-hour session allowing incarcerated parents time with their child at the children's museum Supporting bonding, connections, and healthy relationships.

PARENTS NIGHTS

Parents nights for different groups of parents who might need support based on circumstances: LGBTQ parents, parents of children with Autism, foster parents, and much more.


NEURODIVERSE PLAYTIME

Weekly time set aside for neurodiverse kids to play without being overstimulated and provide support for parents.

TOTS SPOT

Every Thursday, toddlers and adults can join for a two-hour session in the museum.

Each week, booths will be set up with different organizations that support toddler development will be there to

nect with parents.

Play Sharity Gallup

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The Play Sharity Foundation exists “to promote child and family well-being, sharing of resources to advance education, affordability of high-quality educational materials, the discovery and nurturing of every human’s gifts and allowing every human to experience a fulfilling charitable life.”



2018

Play Sharity Foundation was established in Deming, New Mexico.



2020

Play Sharity Foundation opened their first location in Deming, NM. Scan the code for a tour of their facility on opening day.



APRIL
2023

Gallup started a pop-up museum at local events like Arts Crawl.



JULY
2023

Gallup partnered with Play Sharity and will open a second location of Play Sharity in Gallup.



OCT
2023

Gallup hosted their first annual fundraiser called a Day of Play with about 500 people in attendance.



HIGHLIGHTED IMPACTS

- Raised \$229,025 in grants in 2022
- 1,790 children are registered members
- +10,000 families were reached by donated food bags, school supplies, books, and other resources

JOIN US IN OPENING PLAY SHARITY GALLUP

where children can have access to science, art, culture and civil engagement to enrich development, improve child and family well-being, and create a safe place to grow young learners into leaders.



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