

Above & Beyond Children's Museum: Adults explore their inner child at annual FUNdraiser

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SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (August 31, 2023) – Above & Beyond Children's Museum hosts this year's signature adults-only fundraiser Tastefully Childish with a new spin. The 7th annual fete will be themed "Explore Your Inner Child".

This year guests are encouraged to dress up as their favored explorers with costumes resembling exploration. Unproblematic history or cinema-inspired characters are also welcome. A costume contest winner will be announced at the end of the evening.

Tastefully Childish is set for Friday, September 15 at 6pm. Tickets and group packages are available for purchase for \$80 per person. Attendees must be at least 21 years old to attend. Limited tickets available. Purchase online: <https://abkids.ticketing.veevartapp.com/tickets/view/list/tastefully-childish-2023>

PHOTOS: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/3855l6re7gi231ufw5a83/h?rlkey=r9hsftp6w5o5tjf7g1kjr0hp&dl=0>

The museum comes to life as Tastefully Childish guests delight in interactive exhibits, raffles, silent auction, face painting, henna tattoos, balloon creations, live entertainment, and festive music. Attendees explore experiential food and beverage stations hosted by local restaurants, resorts, sweeteries, and breweries featuring childhood food favorites with a mature culinary twist.

The 2023 Tastefully Childish featured culinary line-up of food and beverage partners

include:

3 Sheeps Brewing Co.,
Biggby Coffee,
Carbliss,
Johnsonville,
Lakeland University Catering,
LTC Culinary Club,
Miesfeld's,
Mini & Me Desserts*
Nourish Farms,
Nyob Zoo Café*,
Peruvian Pisco Sours by Andres Araujo,
Sunday Dough*,
Wild Carrot Cuisine*,
*denotes first time participants

Entertainment will be provided by Mischief & Magic Entertainment of Green Bay featuring balloon twisters and live music from Sheboygan's own Belle Weather Band and musician Eric Cox.

Tastefully Childish presenting sponsors include Dynamic Inc and Sargento Foods. Additional sponsors include Jos. Schmitt Construction, Sheboygan Automotive Group, Masters Gallery Foods, Sartori Cheese, Turnhall Financial Group – Thrivent, Seehafer Broadcasting Group, Wisconsin Bank & Trust, Huberty, Signature Dental, Just Kids Dental, Van Horn Automotive Group, Jay W. Christopher, Quasius Construction, Ansay & Associates, Kohler Credit Union, Abacus Architects, Complete Fire Solutions, and Johnsonville.

This year's fundraising goal is set at \$50,000 and sponsorship packages are still available at various levels from \$500 to \$5,000 and any donation level is welcome as a tax-deductible gift. The proceeds from the event help fund our services of wonderment and wellness through supporting programs and operations, including access programs for low-income families. Help us host a delicious evening in support of the ever improving and evolving children's museum adored by families in and around our community.

Tastefully Childish is a yearly celebration and showcase of the museum's new and time-honored exhibits, programming, and projects.

EXHIBITS

This year's highlighted exhibits are:

The Culture Exchange – opened in May 2023 on the second floor – features a housing façade highlighting the Hmong culture through an interactive play space and display case with curated Hmong artifacts.

The Calming Corner – opened in August on the second floor – centers on sensory exploration by providing a safe space to regulate, toys and resources for sensory-seeking individuals, and equipment that offers additional comfort and development of gross and fine motor skill-building.

PROGRAMMING

Fall programming is set to begin in October with the introduction of:

WordPlay – a creative writing appreciation class led by Education Manager of Above & Beyond Children's Museum Leah Childers and Fliss Flynn of WordHaven Book House. WordPlay sessions are available for children ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11 at no cost thanks to a generous benefactor.

Painterly Playmates – Tuesdays in October for children ages 1-3. Participants will be encouraged to explore art tools and mediums during the process-based art class.

Mini Mozarts – will be returning on Friday mornings for children ages 1-3 and their parents sponsored by donor Greg Whelton.

For additional information and a complete schedule visit abkids.org. Stay up to date with museum announcements, events and programming on Facebook at ABKIDS and Instagram at [aboveandbeyondchildrensmuseum](https://www.instagram.com/aboveandbeyondchildrensmuseum).

Above & Beyond Children's Museum seeks donations for various needs including funds to operate and in support of new and current programming and outreach initiatives. Donations can be made by visiting www.abkids.org, by calling (920) 458-4263, or via mail to Above & Beyond Children's Museum, 902 N. 8th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

ABOUT TASTEFULLY CHILDISH

As Above & Beyond Children's Museum's annual signature fundraiser, Tastefully

Childish works to earn funding to support the operations, programming, enhancements, and expansion of the museum and its offerings to excel as a special place for children and their caring adults where play and education connect through exploration and discovery. This adults-only evening celebration supports the children's museum through ticket sales, sponsorships, raffles, and donations. The community is invited to support the Tastefully Childish fundraiser through purchasing tickets and by providing donations for the raffle and silent auction. For more information, please call Above & Beyond Children's Museum Executive Director Jackie Erdman at 920-458-4263.

ABOUT ABOVE & BEYOND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Above & Beyond Children's Museum of Sheboygan County is a 501(c)(3) community funded, visitor supported non-profit organization. The museum was established in 1993 commemorating the 30th anniversary in 2022 with a remarkable list of historic and recent accomplishments achieved all while focusing on the museum's steadfast mission to benefit children and their caregivers. The museum is located at 902 N. 8th Street in Sheboygan.

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INSTAGRAM: aboveandbeyondchildrensmuseum

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Tuesday through Saturday 9am-4pm and Sundays 9am-3pm

Playground hours are 6am-11pm daily at no cost to visitors

Admission is \$8 and memberships are available starting at \$90.