

## Free or Reduced-Cost Programs and Events

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis believes that all children and families—regardless of income—should be able to visit the museum and access its resources. Through philanthropic contributions from individuals, foundations, government agencies, and corporations, the museum is able to offer programs and special events free, or at a substantially reduced cost. What follows are descriptions of the museum's primary events and programs offered free or at a reduced cost.



### Special Programs and Free or Reduced Admission

**Free Days and First Thursdays**—The museum offers free admission 16 times a year, including Target Free Family Nights on the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 8 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, El Día de los Niños and Christmas Eve. **2012 Visits: 100,537**

**Access Pass**—Families receiving state assistance, such as food stamps, Hoosier Healthwise insurance, or temporary assistance (TANF), pay \$1 admission per person per visit using the Access Pass card. The program is a collaborative effort with Conner Prairie, NCAA Hall of Champions, Eiteljorg Museum, and the Indiana Historical Society. **2012 Visits: 44,613**

**School Groups**—The museum offers reduced-priced admission to schools and teachers and free facilitated programs during their visits. **2012 Visits: 73,577**

**infoZone**—A part of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library system, infoZone occupies 3,000 square feet of space within the museum and includes computer stations and about 14,000 books. **2012 Visits: 129,249**

**The Children's Museum Neighborhood Club**—Families residing in one of the six neighborhoods in the Midtown area—Crown Hill, Highland Vicinity, Historic Meridian Park, Mapleton-Fall Creek, Meridian Highland, and Watson-McCord—are eligible for a free one-year membership. **2012 Member Households: 715; Visits: 6,275**

**Neighborhood Nights**—The museum hosts neighborhood nights for residents of the six neighborhoods surrounding the museum. These free evenings feature special activities tied to museum exhibits and shows, and the annual holiday party, which includes photos with Santa, live music, and a canned food drive. **2012 Participants: 953 for all events**



**Juneteenth**—This celebration of freedom dates back to June 1865 when slaves in the Southwest finally learned that the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed into law. This event is celebrated as a part of Target Free Family Nights.  
**2012 Participants: 5,986**

**Foster Family Membership Program**—The museum provides a free one-year membership to licensed Indiana foster parents and their families. This program, launched in 2009, is a collaborative effort with the Indiana Department of Child Services. **2012 Member Households: 780; Visits: 6,148**

**StarPoint Program**—This multidisciplinary summer program serves residents in the museum's surrounding areas. The program seeks to engage underserved youth and their families with a variety of activities based on museum exhibits. **2012 Participants: 79 youths**

**Museum Apprentice Program (MAP)**—Provides participants ages 13 to 18 with an exciting program that introduces them to the arts, sciences, and humanities in a real work environment. **2012 Participants: 34 youths**