



# CURIOSITY! CREATIVITY! DISCOVERY!

Children's Hands-On Museum of Tuscaloosa  
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**Mission Statement: "The Children's Hands-On Museum is a dynamic learning experience that stimulates curiosity, creativity, and shared discovery."**

**WELCOME to the Children's Hands-On Museum of Tuscaloosa!** CHOM, where children **Explore, Create** and **Discover** every time they visit!

When we say "hands-on" we really mean it. CHOM is a 34 year old non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1984.

Learning through play is what our exhibits are all about, and you're encouraged to touch, feel, and play your way through our museum.

CHOM offers newborns through age 12 an amazing place to play and learn!

Exhibits, daily programs, events, holiday celebrations, and parties are waiting for you at CHOM!

**Join over 79,000 visitors each year who know we're the BEST place for play. Discover for yourself why parents repeatedly vote us best in family fun and why thousands of families, students, teachers, churches, and camps agree that we offer the best field trips, too!**

### ADMISSION

**Under 1 year: FREE • 1 - 64 years: \$9 • 65 years and older: \$8**  
Military Discount: **\$1** off admission for each person with valid military ID  
Members and Pass Holders: **FREE**

### MEMBERSHIP

#### **Not a Member? Buy a Membership!**

**Museum Membership** is essential to our financial foundation, providing income to ensure the continuation of CHOM. Members receive 12 months of unlimited **FREE** general admission, discounts on birthday parties and gift shop purchases.

### VOLUNTEERS

#### **Give your time to CHOM!**

Volunteering at CHOM is a great way to support the museum and its mission while also having fun! CHOM volunteers are high school and college students, retirees, homemakers, and business people. Volunteers assist with programming, special events, and more! Schedules are flexible and training is provided. Our volunteer program and mentoring Teen Leadership Program make volunteering at CHOM the best volunteer experience of all! Teen Leader applicants ages 14 -17 apply, interview, and train to be part of our program, joining college students and adults who make visits to CHOM memorable for children.

### EDUCATION and COMMUNITY

CHOM has worked closely with our school systems since opening in 1984 and is recognized for the educational contributions we make. CHOM is committed to our long standing tradition of delivering educational services and programs recognized for excellence throughout Alabama and Mississippi. CHOM is a proud AMSTI affiliate! All programs are directly correlated to required elementary school curriculum for the State of Alabama, with Course of Study information provided. Pre-K field trips are delivered in schools as part of our outreach efforts. Check our website for information on limited opportunities for reduced and free student admissions sponsored by individuals and businesses.

CHOM offers thousands of dollars in admission discounts to agencies serving children and families. A limited number of grants enable us to offer discounted or free field trip admissions allowing over 1200 students to visit each year who would otherwise be unable to participate in field trips.

**CHOM holds fundraising events throughout the year, providing support for the many experiences offered to thousands of children and their families each year. Sponsorships are available for anyone wishing to support these events.**

**Your donation could be MATCHED!**  
**Does your employer offer a matching gift program?**  
**Ask your employer today if they will match your gift!**

### DONATE to CHOM

#### **From your heart to the hearts of children!**

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we are able to offer children the very best hands-on learning through play only with assistance and support from individuals, families, organizations, and businesses who contribute tax deductible gifts to CHOM.

Partnerships, sponsorships, and contributions enable us to continue to provide exciting experiences to the thousands of families and children who visit. If you'd like to talk about donations to CHOM, exhibit support, or fundraising efforts, contact Charlotte Gibson for Development and Gifts.

We welcome your tax deductible contributions and sponsorship.

**No donation is too small to matter!**

### ANNUAL FUND

CHOM offers unequalled opportunities to learn through play in unique hands-on exhibits, outreach visits to community and schools, curriculum specific field trips for students and teachers, as well as through popular events and public programs throughout the year, providing excitement and variety. One of our biggest challenges is not only maintaining our 24,000 square foot building with its permanent exhibits, classrooms, party rooms, meeting rooms and gallery, but also updating and adding new exhibits so all experiences continue to be exciting and innovative. Annual gifts make all of this possible.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Our Endowment Fund is the foundation that provides financial security for our future. We work to provide current, exciting hands-on learning for children, families and students and continued growth and excellence as a museum. We have long been committed to providing for the future and we work to be sure that our Endowment Fund remains solid. Our Endowment Fund is the bedrock of our museum, ensuring that we will be here for generations to come, even in the midst of change and challenge.

### EXHIBITS and PROGRAM SPONSORSHIPS

New exhibits, additions and upgrades, traveling exhibits, field trips programs and new programs for families help us to meet continuing challenges to provide all that children expect and need. If you'd like to assist us in our constant efforts to keep CHOM new, give us a call! There are many opportunities and exciting new exhibits that we'd love to talk with you about! Many types of sponsorships that range from single programs to entire yearly schedules, mean we're sure to have the right match for you. Sponsors are crucial to our success and continued operations - we welcome you as a partner!

### MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

How wonderful it is to make a tax deductible gift that truly impacts the world in a positive way. Making a tax deductible Memorial or Honorarium to CHOM gives you the chance to recognize the important people whose lives have touched you, and gifts help us to make the lives of children better.

### BUY A BRICK! PAVE THE WAY TO CHOM!

The Children's Hands-On Museum has a sidewalk of engraved pavers leading right to our front door to celebrate, thank, or memorialize special people in your life and people who believe in CHOM and our mission of learning through play. CHOM bricks make a wonderful gift for Christmas, birthdays, new additions to the family, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any special occasion. There is no better way to memorialize or honor a loved one than a paver to CHOM!

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