

CMCO

5 Year Vision

CREATE - EXPLORE - GROW

CMCO's 5 Year Vision defines the direction of initial strategic priorities, exhibit focus, and programmatic creation. This big picture vision centers around what CMCO will offer the community and what it will provide Central Oregon residents.



MISSION

To serve as a place for children to create, explore, and investigate their world through immersive hands-on experiences, and as a resource for families of all types to grow and learn together.

What We Offer

A Place for Play

In the words of the incomparable Maria Montessori, "Play is the work of Children." Play activities are essential to healthy development. Play influences the development of fine and gross motor skills, language, socialization, personal awareness, emotional well-being, creativity, problem solving and learning ability.

CMCO will focus on providing experiences with a wide variety of content- art, music, language, math, social relations- because each is critically important for the development of the complex and integrated brain.

Self Expression

Self-expression is as vital to living as breathing. It is how we interact with others and the world. Encouraging self expression in children strengthens their character and confidence for life.

CMCO will encourage self-expression through a variety of performance theater, creative play, and process-oriented art. Encouragement of creativity is at the forefront of the CMCO's exhibits and programs, as creativity is the freest form of self-expression.

Equitable Educational Opportunities

CMCO places the highest priority on creating educational opportunities that are accessible and appropriate for all community members.

CREATE

Messes - Inventions - Sense of Community

EXPLORE

The World - Science - Limitless Creativity

GROW

Confidence - Relationships - Critical Thinking



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

What We Provide

A Community Space

CMCO is more than a space for young children. It is a space for the entire community. Programs will be available for adolescents and adults alike. Furthermore, CMCO strives to be a place for community members and groups to gather and hold events.

Collaboration

CMCO aims to provide a platform for effective collaboration within the community. Central Oregon has an incredible amount of groups working to improve the educational opportunities available for individuals of all ages. At CMCO we work to bring various stakeholders together to maximize our impact and minimize overlapping opportunities.

To date, CMCO has established partnerships with many community groups such as the Cascade School of Music, Bend Science Station, Central Oregon Community College, Discover Your Forest, Central Oregon STEM Hub, the Opportunity Fund, the High Desert Museum, and local schools throughout the greater Central Oregon region.

Resources for Families and Non-Profits

CMCO will focus its first 5 years on becoming a resource for families and fellow non-profits within the Central Oregon community. Existing as a place for families to come and engage with materials and content they otherwise would not experience; and provide space and materials to expand other non-profit programming.

CMCO

Start Up Campaign

VISION

Be a place for childhood exploration, family growth, and community engagement within Central Oregon, creating lifelong learners and investing in our youngest community members.



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Capital Campaign

\$3 Million

CREATION OF MUSEUM + TWO YEARS OF OPERATING

This \$3 million goal will fund the securing of a physical space that is approximately 40,000 sq. ft. near the downtown Bend area, the build out of over 25,000 sq. ft. of space as interactive Museum exhibits, and operating expenses for two years.



M.E.S.S. Hall

Math, Engineering, Science and Stuff!

The M.E.S.S. Hall promises to be a place of exciting discoveries and guarantees a messy fun time.

Filled with science experiments and demonstrations, families get to immerse themselves in how the world around them works, and push the boundaries of discovery.



Paint Studio & Clay Play

Creative expression is critical for developing self expression and confidence. CMCO plans to offer two artist studios: Paint and Clay.

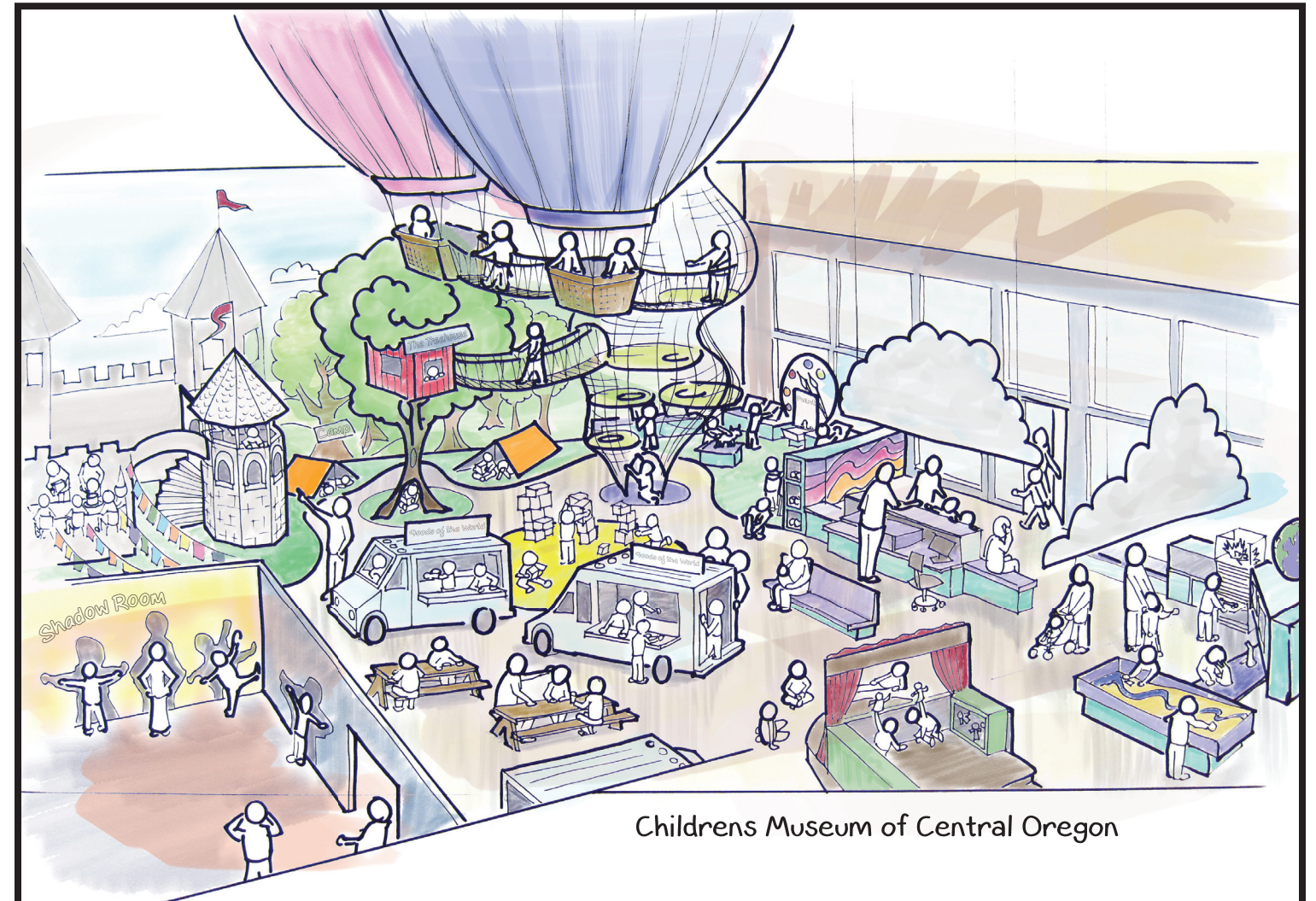
Clay Play gives kiddos the chance to work their fine motor skills and experiment with clay as they create a masterpiece. The Painting Studio is every kid's (and adult's) dream...paint on absolutely anything! Walls, toys, the sky is the limit!



Children's Theater

The ultimate stage for creating your very own show...changing your setting, find your costumes and grab your friends to direct or perform in whatever story kids can create.

The theater space would be available for formal performances during the evenings.



Childrens Museum of Central Oregon

A Children's Museum is for the entire community. When we invest in, value, and support early learning and enrichment, we are all stronger as a result. Having a Children's Museum that offers an environment where our youngest citizens are immersed in the richest kinds of learning...a place to explore, imagine, and create... we are raising kids who grow up loving learning and valuing alternative ways of thinking and seeing their world. This, in turn, leads to a community founded in strong education and independent problem solvers and critical thinkers. This benefits the community, surrounding communities, and world as a whole. Whether we have children or not, it is without question: Our children are our future.