



FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBIT AT THE NEW FLINT FARMER'S MARKET

FLINT, MI – The Flint Children's Museum is bringing a first of its-kind exhibit to the new Flint Farmer's Market. The "Farmer's Playhouse", sponsored by the Flint Children's Museum, will be a new exhibit for young children to explore agricultural processes and farming through hands-on play.

The exhibit will feature a silo tower for children to ascend and a grain storage hopper to experiment with the methods of pulley systems and farming processes. To ensure a truly playful learning experience, children can also harvest crops in a "planting field", shop in a "Children's Farmer's Market", and test their physical abilities at the exhibit's beanstalk climbing wall.

"We were thrilled at the invitation to create a dedicated hands-on playspace at the market" said Executive Director Sue Nederlander. "We wanted to do something unique with this exhibit; something that would unify the theme of the Farmer's Market and connect children's learning experiences to the real world." To accomplish this, real farm equipment modified for children's play will be used inside the exhibit.

Nederlander is collaborating on the exhibit with designers Alfred Zollinger and Sandra Wheeler of Matter Architecture Practice in Brooklyn, New York. The trio first worked together as key members of the Cranbrook Architecture Office, where they designed and fabricated many of the exhibit elements at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

The Flint Children's Museum is located at 1602 University Ave. Flint, MI 48504. General admission to the Museum is \$6/person. For more information, find them online at www.flintchildrensmuseum.org or contact them at 810-767-KIDS (5437).

Matter Architecture Practice is located at 63 Flushing Avenue, Unit 222, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Co-directed by Sandra Wheeler and Alfred Zollinger, MATTER's work encompasses architecture, exhibition design, installations, furnishings, and proposals for civic engagement

within the public environment. For more information, please visit <http://www.matterpractice.net> or contact them at 718-855-2255.

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