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FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Press Release

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*Ruth Mott Foundation Awards \$10,000 in matching funds to Flint Children's Museum,
\$55,000 in General Operations Support*

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The Ruth Mott Foundation has awarded the Flint Children's Museum \$65,000 as part of their continued support for educational, hands-on activities to benefit the children of Flint and Genesee County in the areas of arts and culture, beautification, and healthy living. This grant includes \$55,000 in direct operational support to the FCM and \$10,000 in available matching funds that will supplement the increased fundraising efforts that the Museum will undertake in the coming year.

Visitors to the FCM will experience hands-on educational activities like magnetic painting, making bug shaped sun-catchers, flying kites, and getting messy in celebration of International Mud Day. Museum visitors will also learn and "grow" in the FCM's outdoor classroom and play space known as *Sprouts*, which features an all-natural garden with edible fruits and vegetables, and plenty of space for physical activities, art programs, special events and more.

The FCM's mission is to inspire a love for learning through exploration and hands-on play for children ages 2 to 10, which they do with more than 40 larger-than-life, hands-on exhibits and their fun and educational interactive programming. Last year, more than 60,000 children and families visited the FCM and this year, they are expecting to serve even more.

To help support the educational activities of the FCM and get your dollars matched through the Ruth Mott Foundation, contact Kimberly Roddy at 810-767-KIDS (5437).

About the Flint Children's Museum

The Flint Children's Museum has is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring lifelong learning through hands-on play for children ages 2-10. Located at 1602 University Ave. Flint, MI 48504, general admission to the Museum is \$6 per person. For more information, find them online at www.flintchildrensmuseum.org or contact them at 810-767-KIDS (5437).