

Grand Haven Children's Museum Community Survey Responses

How do you feel a local children's museum would affect our community?

- 1 A children's museum would be so beneficial for the families of grand havens community and draw more people to the city.
- 2 A great addition
- 3 A great new spot to let the little explore and play.
- 4 a great place for kids to learn and be outside of school and home
- 5 A huge benefit to involve family fun
- 6 A huge bonus for families with young children and a big bonus for tourists when the weather is bad.
- 7 A place to gather
- 8 Add credibility and attract a more diverse population of smart people to work, educate and contribute to our community.
- 9 Add family friendly safe options throughout the whole year
- 10 All positive. It's a stellar idea.
- 11 An opportunity for our kids to explore and have fun!!!
- 12 Another great activity for families and friends to do together
- 13 Another great feature, especially in bad weather
- 14 Another venue for safe play and learning for guardians and their children, especially those who make frequent use of these spaces such as stay at home parents or homeschoolers will have a positive impact on the community; it could draw people from nearby or prevent longer trips to other areas which would help the economy and provide more options for families and their children for activities.
- 15 Asset
- 16 Beneficial
- 17 Benefit
- 18 Benefit immensely
- 19 Big attractor
- 20 Big impact
- 21 Bring families into town, but also give local families something to do
- 22 Bring in families
- 23 Bring in families for pleasurable time together, focusing primarily on children. Making play so much fun that they don't realize it's also educational.
- 24 Bring in more families and kids which could have opportunities for other parts of the economy too
- 25 Bring in more families that would enjoy the city
- 26 Bring in tourists, boost economy
- 27 Bring more families together, gathering place for community
- 28 Bring you get kids to Grand Haven. There's lots for adults to do. Not much for kids and teens.
- 29 Childrens Museums are an incredible asset to the children and families in the community by giving children space to learn and explore safely. It might remind those who don't have young children that "it takes a village". Families usually need to eat after playing, so maybe it'll boost local economy a little.
- 30 Definite bonus
- 31 Draw families from all over
- 32 Enhance it for sure!
- 33 gathering place for connectedness
- 34 Give back more and support school activities.
- 35 Give children a year long place to explore and play
- 36 Give families a place to learn and play.
- 37 Gives local and visiting children more variety of things to do while also having a fun place to go all times of year
- 38 Giving young families an indoor activity, promoting creative play
- 39 Good activity
- 40 Great asset
- 41 Great benefit
- 42 Great opportunity to be more inclusive and give children more to do, particularly in the winter months
- 43 Great reason to bring kids downtown, especially in the colder seasons
- 44 Great!
- 45 GREATLY! this would be huge
- 46 Huge benefit
- 47 I believe it would be an amazing asset
- 48 I believe it would positively impact the local economy for tourism and improve accessibility for many local families to have a place to go with their children that is closer by
- 49 I can only think of benefits as it would support the tourism already present, not just coast guard time. I think it would help make GH more family friendly for people moving into the area.

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- 50 I don't know how many residents will go on a regular basis unless they have young children, but I think area schools would love to have a fun place to go for field trips!
- 51 I feel it would create a place for families to get to know each other. Offer a safe place to play, give an option for less screen and indoor time!
- 52 I hope it would be a really positive addition, great for visitors during tourist season, a place for people to find jobs, and a source of pride for the community.
- 53 I think a children's museum would provide a safe place for kids to play, especially in the winter or very high heat.
- 54 I think both locals and tourists would love it!
- 55 I think it would be a great addition to Grand Haven's downtown year round. We drive quite a distance for similar places now, and I know others from out of town would do the same. Our family and friends would use and enjoy it regularly!
- 56 I think it would be a great addition!
- 57 I think it would be a great thing
- 58 I think it would be a great value add for summer tourism as well as local residents during winter months.
- 59 I think it would be a huge benefit!
- 60 I think it would be a positive place to have parents and kids connect. Something to do during winter.
- 61 I think it would be great for the City of Grand Haven
- 62 I think it would be great! There are bars and restaurants and the addition of a family friendly activity would be great and would support other businesses. A trip to the museum and dinner out and walking downtown past shops would encourage more traffic past other businesses.
- 63 I think it would be nothing but positive impact on the community
- 64 I think it would bring more families in and less rowdy teens. I think the older members of the community would enjoy it a lot to.
- 65 I think it would bring more families together.
- 66 I think it would create more of a sense of community for young families, promote tourism & be a wonderful outlet for children
- 67 I think it would help the tourism during the winter months. I work in the food industry here in town and bringing something here that could attract more people is exactly what we need!

The closest children's museum is in GR I think we'd see a lot of Holland, Muskegon, and even as far as Coopersville families benefit from this.

- 68 I think it'd be a great opportunity to improve tourism, engage families, etc
- 69 I think it'd improve the community by building stronger families, furthering children's education, and improve business by increasing visitors to Grand Haven.
- 70 I think that a well planned and constructed children's museum would build community pride in the city, and it would increase tourism.
- 71 I think the children would thrive!
- 72 I think this will bring families into Grand Haven from along the lakeshore.
- 73 If affordable, I think it could provide an opportunity for all families to gather and feel safe. One of my concerns will always be that I hope new businesses aren't just for the affluent families, furthering the very real socio-economic divide in our community. I also believe it could be a wonderful resource for special needs families. If a "sensory friendly" night, or something like that, was available, that would be incredible- however, only if it isn't just during the hours that many people can't go (ie slow hours), then it can feel like it's a slap in the face to families that can't access those hours due to work/school, etc.
- 74 If it's well done, a huge asset. See Ludington and Flint's Sloan Museum for top notch ideas.
- 75 Immeasurable
- 76 Immensely. Our family will do everything that we can to support this happening. Adding family friendly activities that can be done year round could have untold economic impacts on our community. Women typically own the budget and spend in most households. Being a community known for being family friendly could increase the likelihood that families want to spend money, time, live, and invest here.
- 77 improve it greatly
- 78 In a positive way - expanding the knowledge and horizons of our future leaders is always going to be a good thing!
- 79 In a positive way!

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- 80 In such a positive way! The GR children's museum is expensive and far for our family to drive. If we had something local we would absolutely be there often. I know many local families feel this same way. It would be such a needed resource for the cold/winter months for our kiddos. I think local schools from Holland to Allendale to Ravenna to Muskegon would utilize it for field trips, not to mention all of the local daycares, preschools and after school programs. I think it would be such a wise investment in our kids, bringing in needed tourism year round, instead of just the summer.
- 81 In SUCH a positive way.
- 82 In the best possible way! It would be priceless.
- 83 Increase tourism, increase revenue for local businesses and give children/families another outlet for fun/learning and a place to connect with others in the community.
- 84 It can't hurt....an asset.
- 85 It could be an amazing asset!
- 86 It could bring a new safe, fun place to Grand Haven that isn't overpriced or just for the upper class or people with one or two children
- 87 It could build more forensics that would build a next generation of togetherness
- 88 It could fill in some of the gaps that local schools aren't teaching, such as finance/budgeting/accounting, how to make a phone call, how to select healthy whole foods instead of fast food and processed food.
- 89 It might bring in tourists, but it would benefit locals throughout the entire year as a safe space for kids to meet, form relationships, learn, and grow.
- 90 It will benefit all young children and families
- 91 It will make our community a better place!
- 92 It would add great value to the locals and draw in tourism.
- 93 It would affect it positively
- 94 It would allow multiple generations to spend time making special memories
- 95 It would be a fantastic addition to our community.
- 96 It would be a game changer
- 97 It would be a great addition!
- 98 It would be a great resource and invaluable
- 99 It would be a huge benefit for the community
- 100 It would be a major asset economically. A lot of people travel to Grand Rapids for a children's museum so keeping it local would boost the economy around it too. People would eat around the children's museum, visit shops, and stop at local gas stations etc.
- 101 It would be a positive additional and welcomed
- 102 It would be a very positive impact.
- 103 It would be a very positive thing, especially if it is well done.
- 104 It would be amazing for kids and family as well as tourism and economy
- 105 It would be amazing for year round fun
- 106 It would be amazing!
- 107 It would be an accessible place for families to gather and provide a resource for parents looking for a safe space for their kids to play.
- 108 It would be an additional resource for children and families to utilize, but in my opinion there are other things that would have a greater impact on the well being of our children and community such as affordable housing, more local support of small business, financial assistance for families who are struggling with the rising cost of living, etc. As far as tourism, tourists come to our community first and foremost because of our beautiful location (Lake Michigan) and our parks. A museum would offer families another activity to enjoy while they are here, especially bad weather days. It would probably also attract day visitors from neighboring areas. I'm not sure how much residual impact it would have on our business community. When I took my children to museums in other cities, after we were finished with the museum, the last thing we wanted to do was visit other shops or restaurants. We usually headed strait home :)
- 109 It would be an amazing addition. Children with big dreams become adults with big missions.
- 110 It would be beneficial to the area to give families an area to go and help increase our tourist attractions as well
- 111 It would be extremely beneficial. There are so many young families in the area and the more opportunities for safe fun play, the better!
- 112 It would be great for local and tourist to have a safe place to bring children. It would also provides jobs and income for the community.
- 113 It would be great for Ottawa and surrounding counties, to have a place to go, for our children to learn and have fun. Especially during the winter season.
- 114 It would be great for the local economy, I think many parents would come from neighboring cities to visit.
- 115 it would be huge. such an asset to both parents and children.

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- 116 It would be like the icing on the cake!
- 117 it would be positive, but please no new buildings on the waterfront.
- 118 It would be SO helpful!
- 119 It would be such a positive influence for our families, visitors and our local economy year around.
- 120 It would be wonderful!
- 121 It would bring tourism and also be a great space for local children to play.
- 122 it would benefit our community with extra tourism money and increased engagement from our local kids.
- 123 It would benefit so much- there isn't much do to here year round!
- 124 It would bring families together in a place we can connect. Having an indoor playground as part of the museum would help younger moms and kids get to know each other and increase morality during the winter months too. Happy moms=happy community.
- 125 It would bring in more people/different people and give our kids something else to do
- 126 It would create a place where families can gather and interact to build new friendships. It would also be a destination for some kids, families and schools. I know my son's class traveled to Ludington to go to a children's museum, so possibly partnerships with surrounding communities not just Grand Haven.
- 127 It would create an incredible, positive addition that our community desperately needs.
- 128 It would draw in more traffic/people, especially during the winter when GH tends to be a ghost town.
- 129 It would draw in parents from surrounding areas to the lakeshore
- 130 it would enhance it
- 131 It would give kids something to do in the winter
- 132 It would greatly enhance our tourism and we'd be known for more than just our summer time fun
- 133 It would help financially I'm sure, but also help our kids with an activity close to home. Bring togetherness in our community.
- 134 It would improve it.
- 135 It would provide an option for families to educate and play with their children, offer option for parents to find other parents, allow classmates to have fun play dates in the winter months.
- 136 It would really be a benefit to the local community of homeschoolers
- 137 It's much needed!
- 138 Its definitely needed and a good thing. Hopefully something fun to get kids away from cellphone and other electronic usage to learn and use more playful imagination
- 139 Just make it an even better place to live!
- 140 Kids having safe place learn and grow helps whole community.
- 141 Knowing a lot of other moms struggle to have safe places to take their kids especially Winter time, this will be such a positive impact on our lives.
- 142 Make it more attractive to visitors, increase traffic. Good/bad(unintended)
- 143 Make it more kid oriented
- 144 Might attract more families to GH
- 145 More families would visit or it would offer an additional activity for families here on vacation.
- 146 More tourism year round. Help economy
- 147 Nothing but good things will come with it
- 148 Only positive! Please make it age friendly for all children (0-17), not just little kids. The Grand Rapids children's museum is geared too much toward younger kids. The one in St Louis was even fun for adults!
- 149 Only positively :)
- 150 positive
- 151 Positive
- 152 Positive
- 153 Positive affect
- 154 Positive educational experience
- 155 Positive impact
- 156 Positive impact!
- 157 Positive outcomes can be achieved by varied programs ;
- 158 Positive place for families to gather
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- 171 positively if it's done properly, with sufficient financing and operational longevity
- 172 Positively!
- 173 Positively, but I'd try to avoid any support from ultra conservatives. Catering to them is ugly.
- 174 Positively, given it meets different age ranges and a decent price point
- 175 Positively. It would be great to have an indoor learning area.
- 176 Positives all around
- 177 pretty cool
- 178 Prioritize children and the investment of their future.
- 179 promote interest in science and environment and be place for fun and interaction
- 180 Provide a fun, indoor destination that is educational other than the library.
- 181 Provide a safe place for youth and families to go
- 182 Provide an educational and fun place for kids to play and learn! Also, new attraction for tourism.
- 183 Provide family fun and entertainment
- 184 provide fun things for families to do
- 185 So positive! It would give people more of a reason to come to GH when it's cold. A great place for kids to play.

- 186 Something else for locals and visitors to do. Attract families to area
- 187 Something for kids to do in the area especially a new place indoors during the winter months
- 188 Strengthen the community and give more options
- 189 The learning opportunities for kids of course but it would be a good place to bring in retirees and grandparents to share their stories. Maybe those visitors would contribute a game or project that they did when they were kids.
- 190 The one we frequent often in Ludington brings in a huge crowd on the weekends and Summer months!
- 191 The social district (which I love) has caused recent criticism that we're all about drinking and partying. This shows that we're more than that.
- 192 They would love it and embrace it. Especially in the winter when it's too cold to go outside.
- 193 There are many museums in Muskegon with children focused activities. I think adding another in Grand Haven just lets those residents who are, just continue to be afraid of traveling north of the bridge.
- 194 Tremendous positive impact to the community and surrounding communities both economically and fundamentally.
- 195 Very positive.
- 196 Very positive; opportunities for interaction
- 197 very positively
- 198 Very positively!
- 199 very positively, it would give our community something that it is badly lacking
- 200 We've lived in multiple cities around the country over the last 15 years. Although this is a beautiful place to live, we have experienced other communities that were more family friendly with more close-by activity opportunities. (Children's museums, parks, playgrounds, water parks, pools, etc). A children's museum would draw people here and boost year-round tourism.
- 201 Wonderful impact!!!!
- 202 Wonderful place for kids to explore and play and adults to spend time with them building relationships. Also an opportunity to visit with other adults and socialize.
- 203 would be AMAZING and bring young families to the community.
- 204 Would be great. Bring in money and tourism.
- 205 Would bring families together
- 206 Would help give a place to bring their children to learn and grow
- 207 Would make GH a more kid friendly town