



May 20, 2025

City of Grand Haven
Attn: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
519 Washington Ave
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Dear City of Grand Haven:

This is a letter of support for the development of the Grand Haven Children's Museum in our local area. We understand the museum's board of directors are seeking approval to lease space for the museum at Central Park Place. This central location could be an ideal space for a museum to serve local children and families and would attract visitors from surrounding communities and those visiting the area. The economic impact would be great for the downtown area as well.

The **Grand Haven Schools Foundation's** mission is to support a quality education for area students through funding initiatives that empower learning. The Foundation has a strong focus on supporting our youngest learners through our preschool scholarship program. Having a children's museum in our community would help to further support student learning and increase early childhood education opportunities for our local students.

The Grand Haven Children's Museum plans to include a maker space, art studio, interactive exhibits, STEM activities and will provide opportunities for children ages birth to ten-years old. All these activities would be beneficial to a child's early development.

Please consider supporting the addition of the Grand Haven Children's Museum at Central Park Place in downtown Grand Haven.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bays". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Susan Bays, Executive Director

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