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Dear Akron Children's Museum Family,

As we prepare for 2026, we want to inform you of upcoming changes to our daily admission pricing and payment policies. Open communication with our community is essential to us, and we appreciate the opportunity to share these updates and the reasoning behind them.

### Daily Admission Price Update:

Beginning January 1, Daily Admission will increase by \$1:

- \$8 per person
- \$1 off for veterans
- Children under 1 year old are free
- Free for Museum members; \$1 off for members' guests

Operating costs have continued to rise—from maintenance to exhibit upkeep and staffing—while we've worked hard to keep admission affordable for families. We've also added several exciting exhibits to the museum recently, including Energy Quest, PNC-sponsored Grow and Go Bank, a brand new water table, and handicap-accessible doors.

As a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing enriching early childhood experiences, we approach any price adjustment with careful consideration. We know that covering all operational needs through admission fees alone would create barriers for many families who depend on our museum as a vital resource for hands-on learning and creative play.

That's why Akron Children's Museum actively pursues funding through multiple channels. Our dedicated staff and board members work year-round to secure grants, cultivate partnerships with local businesses and individuals, and organize fundraising events—all to ensure that admission remains accessible while we continue delivering exceptional programming.

### Our Commitment to Access & Inclusivity:

Akron Children's Museum exists because we believe every child deserves access to quality early learning experiences. These formative years shape academic achievement, physical and emotional wellbeing, and the foundation for lifelong learning.

We understand that cost can be a challenge for families. That's why we proudly participate in the Museums for All initiative to ensure our doors remain open to everyone.

### Museums for All:

- Available during regular operating hours
- Offers admission at \$2.00 per person for up to 4 adults or children
- Simply present your Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or WIC card and a matching ID at admission

Akron Children's Museum is dedicated to serving all families and caregivers in our community with warmth, respect, and inclusivity.

Thank you for being part of our museum community. It is our privilege to spark curiosity, foster creativity, and support the growth and development of the wonderful children and families we welcome through our doors.

Warm regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Traci J. Buckner.

**Traci J. Buckner**  
Executive, Director