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## CELEBRATING NATIVE HERITAGE AT GRCM

**[Grand Rapids, MI] October 2, 2023** – Celebrate Native Heritage in November and every month! The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is excited to announce that we will have the honor of hosting the "Celebrate Native American Heritage Exhibit" designed by the Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

While it is critical for all children and families to celebrate and learn about Native American Heritage all year around, we are excited to welcome this exhibit into our museum during National Native American Heritage Month. The exhibit will be open at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum November 1 through December 3, 2023.

The exhibit will feature art, music and history celebrating the Anishinaabe people's culture and traditions. Aspects of this exhibit were developed in collaboration with the Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry at the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry where Dr. Jessica A. Rickert completed her DDS.

"10,000 years ago, little girls and boys played games in the Wasëtenak. It is called the Grand River now. Brothers and sisters and friends ran around laughing and singing in the water. They belonged to the Anishinaabe families, the three Mzhigénak tribes. It is called Michigan now. The Grand River still flows, and the children still play", states Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach Specialist.

"We would like to express our gratitude to our exhibit partners, the Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and Dr. Rickert. It is so critically important to have representation of our community within our museum and we are honored to partner with Dr. Rickert and the Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry to welcome the 'Celebrate Native American Heritage Exhibit' to our museum," says Maggie Lancaster, CEO of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.





The Grand Rapids Children's Museum occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabe, the Potawatomi, the Ojibwe and the Odawa people. We affirm the Indigenous People's ties to this land and their profound contributions to the United States of America.

For more information please visit:

- <https://grcm.org>
- <https://www.sindecusemuseum.org/native-american-heritage>

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### **About the Grand Rapids Children's Museum**

The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is two floors of hands-on interactive exhibits and daily drop-in programs that inspire learning through play. GRCM has been a playful destination in downtown Grand Rapids, MI for over 25 years and 4 million guests!

GRCM opens its doors to the public on Tuesdays (9am - 4pm), Wednesdays (reserved for field trips), Thursdays (9am - 7pm), Fridays and Saturdays (9am - 4pm), and Sundays (12pm - 4pm). Admission is \$10.00 per person for general entry, \$9.00 for ages 65+, and \$8.00 for teachers and active military members. With the Museums for All initiative, EBT and WIC cardholders can visit GRCM for only \$1.75 per person (up to 12 people per card). GRCM members and children under 1 year old enter for FREE! Located at 11 Sheldon Avenue NE in downtown Grand Rapids, GRCM is a non-profit organization dedicated to building minds through play. For a detailed daily schedule of programs and events, visit our website at [grcm.org](https://grcm.org).

