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GRAND RAPIDS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO HOST "TOOTH TIME" WITH WEST MICHIGAN DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY ON JANUARY 23-24, 2020

[Grand Rapids, MI] January 13, 2020 – The Grand Rapids Children's Museum will once again host this anticipated annual educational event, where dentists and hygienists volunteer at the museum to answer questions and teach children about the importance of good dental care. Special hands-on activities will be offered to take some of the mystery out of going to the dentist. Attendees will be able to spin the dental wheel of knowledge and win a prize, brush a giant tooth, and take a photo with the Tooth Fairy! All children in attendance will receive a dental goodie bag to take home, so they can "practice" what they've learned.

This two-day event will kick off with a FREE FAMILY NIGHT on Thursday, January 23 from 5 to 8pm. The event will continue on Friday, January 24 from 9:30am to 2pm and is included with museum admission.

"We are so excited to offer our community this unique opportunity to learn and play with area dental professionals," says Maggie Lancaster, CEO, Grand Rapids Children's Museum. "This is a wonderful outreach initiative to show children that going to the dentist can be fun!"

To coincide with this event, the museum welcomes the return of the newly renovated *Drs. Fang, Molar & Tusk, DDS* exhibit. In this interactive exhibit, children can pretend to be a dentist, practice brushing on a giant puppet, and relax in a dental chair.

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The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is dedicated to building minds through play by providing open-ended, interactive play experiences. The Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday. Regular admission is \$9.00 per person and \$8.00 for ages 65+. Thursday Family Night admission from 5-8pm is \$3.00. GRCM members and children under 1 are free! GRCM is a non-profit organization located at 11 Sheldon Avenue NE in downtown Grand Rapids. For more information and daily schedule of programming and events, please visit grcm.org.

