

# Greater Minnesota Children's Museum Coalition



Grand Rapids



Mankato



Duluth



St. Cloud



Fergus Falls



Rochester



Brainerd

## Serving **all of Minnesota's** children & their caring adults:

Greater Minnesota Children's Museum coalition members will serve nearly 500,000 guests annually, capturing visitors from 100% of Minnesota's 87 counties. Many of Minnesota's children and families do not have another opportunity to experience a children's museum, or other quality space for informal learning through play, beyond our respective organizations.

### How **you can help grow** curiosity & learning across the state with us:

#### **Children's Museum of Southern MN, Mankato**

Request: \$10M to pre-design, design, construct, furnish and equip two new buildings. Renovation of one section of existing exhibit space, as well as construction for an outdoor nature play space.

#### **Great River Children's Museum, St. Cloud**

Request: \$7M to design, construct, equip and furnish a 25,000 sqft. facility & outdoor exhibit space.

#### **Judy Garland & Children's Museum, Grand Rapids**

Request: \$3M to pre-design, design, construct and rehabilitate existing museum space including outdoor/indoor restoration to the birthplace home of Judy Garland, new outdoor expansion and equipment and furnishings.

#### **Otter Cove Children's Museum, Fergus Falls**

Request: \$2M for acquisition (building), pre-design, design, project management, construction.

#### **WonderTrek Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter**

Request: \$9M to acquire land, finalize design, construct, and furnish a new 27,000 sqft. building as well as construction for outdoor recreation environments and nature play exhibits.

#### **Duluth Children's Museum, Duluth**

Request: \$1M to construct, furnish, and equip an expansion of the current Duluth Children's Museum.

#### **SPARK Children's Museum, Rochester**

Request: \$4M to design, construct, furnish, and equip an expansion of the existing building, adding 7,300 sqft. of additional exhibit and program space.

### Support our Bills: **HF4061 | SF4008 & HF3692 | SF3577**

\$36M in investments towards children's museums across Minnesota will have an economic return of 5x the investment through direct, indirect, and induced spending and job creation. As well as:

- Reveal the impact children's museums have on early childhood development
- Strengthen bonds between families of all types and our shared communities
- Increase cross-cultural competency and inclusion
- Drive economic development & improve quality of life
- Bridge the gap in funding for Children's Museums in Greater Minnesota
- Drive tourism to Greater Minnesota

