Founded in 1986, Children’s Museum Tucson (CMT) has been an anchor institution in downtown Tucson since 1991. Since its inception, CMT has brought play-based learning to Southern Arizona’s children, inspiring generations of families to create, imagine, discover and connect.

Typically serving about 150,000 visitors in the historic Carnegie library building annually, CMT offers interactive exhibits, educational programming and community engagement, with more than 12,000 square feet of exhibit areas filled with activities to encourage kids to build, create, imagine, explore, and discover.

As an educational institution founded on the principles of accessibility and inclusion, CMT is committed to the principle that access to the Museum is a right, not a privilege, and all children and families in Southern Arizona should see themselves reflected and welcomed in all that CMT offers.

The Museum’s reach expanded in 2015 with a satellite location in Oro Valley. In 2023, it moved from its storefront location into space created through an innovative new partnership with Tohono Chul park in northwest Tucson.

**Current Programs**

Children’s Museum Tucson is the only educational resource of its kind - devoted to children - in all of Southern Arizona. The Children’s Museum focuses on early childhood education, school readiness, STEM disciplines, and the arts, providing a foundation for lifelong success through experiential learning.

CMT ensures that financial limitations don’t hinder Museum access by providing frequent reduced admission availability, including community memberships to peer organizations supporting underserved families as well as underwritten access for families facing hardship.

CMT partners with schools across the region, providing field trips, underwritten programs, and outreach with the intent of reaching underserved populations. Free programs reach families in low-income neighborhoods and serve high minority regions and high-need Title I schools.

Reflecting the diversity of the community

- Engagement consists of more than 50% minority audiences
- Low-income populations comprise 41% of visitors
- Primary audience is families with children ages birth-10
- 80% of visitors reside in Pima County