



## News Release

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### **Upper Peninsula Children's Museum Receives \$2,000 Plum Creek Foundation Grant**

**ESCANABA, Mich.** – The Plum Creek Foundation recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum to help enhance the educational experience provided to participants during the monthly Second Thursday, Together Time CREATION series.

The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum serves children and their families throughout the Upper Peninsula, as well as visitors to the region. The museum is at the forefront of interactive programming for children of all ages and learning styles. The Second Thursday, Together Time CREATION series offers an opportunity for parents and children who are separated by school and work obligations to spend time together participating in activities that stimulate the mind, creativity and relationships. CREATION stations are mixed throughout the museum and include an array of hands-on activities.

“We are grateful to the Plum Creek Foundation for its generous grant that will help us create a better museum experience,” said Nheena Weyer Ittner, director of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum. “The museum is a dynamic and powerful educational tool for our rural youth that enhances their traditional school curriculum with new learning styles.”

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company's operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek's Web site at [www.plumcreek.com](http://www.plumcreek.com) to download an application.

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