



Connor's Friends, a special night for children and families affected by autism, is back again this year on **Wednesday, November 16 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.**

To prepare for the Connor's Friends evening, both floors of the Museum will be modified to create unique spaces with special sensory activities. This year a grant from the Baldwin Foundation has provided for the installation of large, permanent hanging roller shades to be used throughout the Museum, reducing noise and visual stimulation. A music therapist will also be on hand during Connor's Friends to perform calming music and interact with the children. Special sensory activities will be added to the Museum's current exhibits, and themed activity tents will be on display for children who wish to engage in individual play. Free valet parking will be provided, as well, to ease the transition between home and the Museum.

A special committee of autism experts guided the planning of the unique spaces so children will feel relaxed and at ease as they play and explore. Nursing, occupational therapy, and education student volunteers will also be on hand throughout the evening.

This event was made possible by Autism Support of Kent County and Amway.

Connor's Friends
November 16, 2011
6:00—8:00 p.m.
Attendance Free
with RSVP
Free Valet Parking

Attendance is limited and reservations are required to attend Connor's Friends. This event is FREE for all families involved. Please note, if you are unable to attend the event, please cancel your reservation immediately to make room for families on our waiting list.

For more information about Connor's Friends, to make your reservation, or to volunteer at the event, please call 616-235-4726 ext. 212 or email msierz@grcm.org.

