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Local Businesses Sponsor Field Trips to HealthWorks!

Local businesses have stepped forward to sponsor school fieldtrips to Memorial Health System's HealthWorks! Kids' Museum. More sponsorship opportunities are available for the fall semester and beyond through Memorial Health Foundation's "Architecting Healthy Communities" campaign.

HealthWorks! gives children the passion and courage to lead inspired and healthy lives. In fact, independent studies have proved that just one visit to HealthWorks! can change the way a child views their personal health for a lifetime. More than half a million people have experienced this unique brand of health education through field trips, community outreach programs, birthday parties, special events, and general admission visits.

"Architecting Healthy Communities" brings together local businesses committed to sponsoring students, ensuring that every child can experience the joy and learning of HealthWorks!

- Century Foam (Niles Old Foamers Golf Outing) sponsored 200 kids from Oxbow Elementary in Elkhart.
- Gibson-Lewis, Inc. sponsored 100 kids at Walt Disney Elementary in Mishawaka.
- An anonymous Mishawaka donor sponsored 250 second-graders at School City of Mishawaka.
- St. Joseph Valley Building & Construction Trades Council sponsored all students from Meadows Edge Elementary School in South Bend.
- LaVanture Products Company, Inc. sponsored 100 kids at Eastwood Elementary in Elkhart.
- Wal-Mart Supercenter on Ireland Road sponsored 100 students at Greene Intermediate School.
- Midwest Energy Cooperative sponsored 100 students at Cassopolis Public Schools.
- ReMax Affiliates sponsored 25 Students from Northview Elementary School

in Valparaiso.

- Hacienda Restaurant at 100 Center sponsored 25 kids from Beiger Elementary in Mishawaka.
- Hacienda Restaurant on Grape Road sponsored 20 kids at Starke Elementary.
- A group of family foundations managed by Wells Fargo Bank (Muessel-Ellison Memorial Trust Foundation, Stanley and Flora Clark Memorial Foundation, Florence V. Carroll Charitable Trust, Bowsher-Booher Foundation, and Harvey R. and Doris Klockow Foundation) sponsored all students from kindergarten to fourth grade in the South Bend School Corporation.

A number of students from the School City of Mishawaka (SCM) and Penn-Harris-Madison (PHM) school districts have not yet been sponsored. This giving opportunity is still available to local businesses and organizations.

“We are excited about this opportunity to help children experience all the fun, excitement and learning of HealthWorks!,” says Sherry Forzley, Buddy Builder at HealthWorks! Kids’ Museum. “We know that we can improve our community through the work we do here; we’re glad that so many local businesses and organizations agree.”

Memorial Health Foundation’s “Architecting Healthy Communities” campaign will continue throughout 2010 and beyond. Businesses and organizations are welcome to make a tax-deductible donation to HealthWorks! for the school and grade of their choice. A gift of \$500 or \$1,000 per school covers the cost of delivering interactive health education to a school near you!

HealthWorks! purpose is to “Infectiously contaminate kids of all ages, everywhere, to learn, have fun, and make great life choices. Let the epidemic begin!”

HealthWorks! is located at 111 W. Jefferson Blvd. in downtown South Bend. For more information, call **Sherry Forzley at 574-647-2687** or visit www.HealthWorksKids.org.

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