SEVARD CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

# INTRODUCTION

The Seward Children's Museum was started back in 2021. Since then we have created three pop-up exhibits. We also partnered with the National Science Foundation and others to bring up the In Search of Earth's Secrets exhibit. Our mission is to build a space where kids feel awe and wonder that inspires them to explore, discover, and create.

# OUR STORY



2021

Created our first exhibit
"Gateway to Alaska" at
Temple Studios which
was focused on early
Seward History.

2022

Created our second exhibit "Help the Kelp" focused on the interactions between Kelp, Sea Urchins and Otters. We popped up at the Seward Farmer's Market all summer (and at the Mermaid Festival in 2023).

2022

Partnered with SPC, the Seward Community Library and the National Science Foundation to bring "In Search of Earth's Secrets" a science exhibit to Seward. 2023

Created our third exhibit
"Ron's Construction
Zone" focused on the
building trade. We
popped up all summer at
the Seward Farmer's
Market.

2024

Create Lil' Farmer's

Market Exhibit to pop-up
at the Seward Farmer's

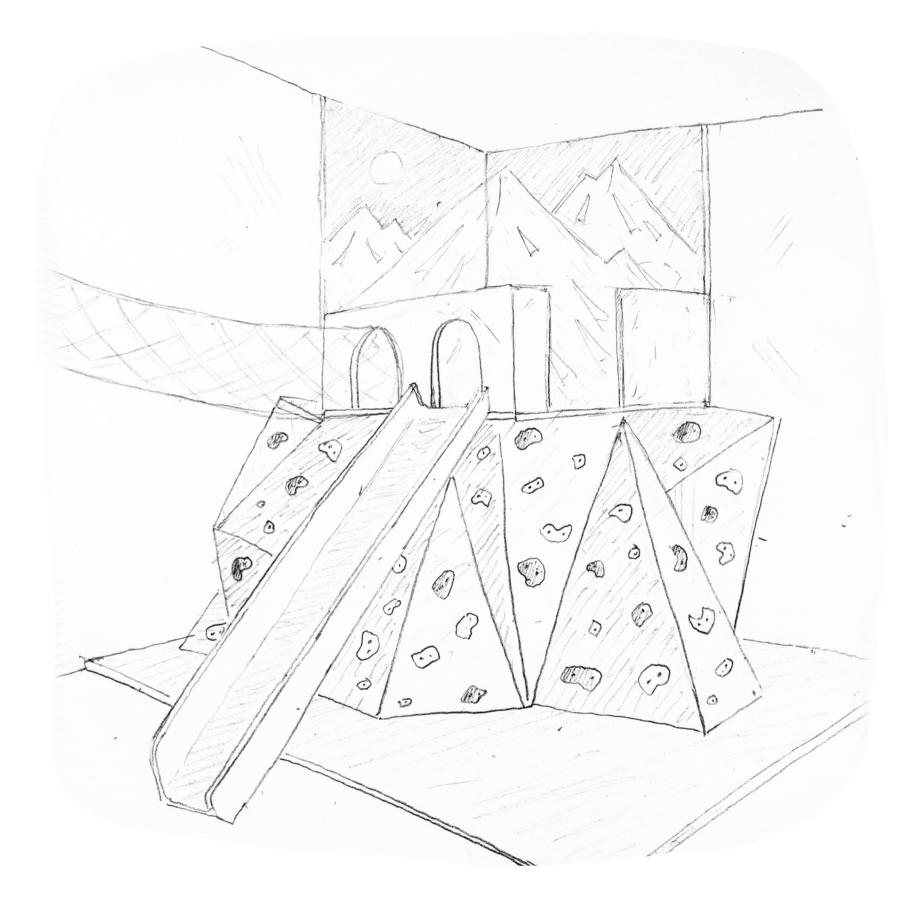
Market this summer.

2026

Our permanent museum opens.

## OUR PROJECT

We are ready to make the Seward Children's Museum a permanent space in Seward. The theme is "Little Seward". The new museum will feature hands on exhibits focused on Seward businesses, industries, arts, nature, culture and history. It will also have STEAM activities. The museum will have various spaces focused on ages 6 months to 12 years old. It will also feature a family friendly cafe, a small store and Family Resource Center.



## WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

#### **FUTURE**

This is your future workforce. Studies show children who visit children's museums before kindergarten have higher scores in reading, math, & science compared with those who did not. (NCES)

#### ROI

PNC Bank has
researched the
economic impact of
children's museums.
They found for every \$1
spent there is a \$13
return on investment.
Due to children who are
better prepared for
school and eventually
the workforce.

#### **TOURISM**

47% of Seward visitors
have at least one child 16
years or younger. Seward
Chamber has reported
that visitors are looking
for more family activities
to do.

## FUTURE WORK FORCE

## WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

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Analytical Thinking 02

Creative Thinking 03

Ai and Big Data 04

Leadership

05

Curiosity & Life Long Learning

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We would like you to become a partner on this project. We need your support to make this community need become a reality.

- volunteer
- donate financially
- advocate



# JOIN US IN MAKING SEWARD A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY!

## NUMBERS

Revenue

\$440k

Expenses

\$388k

Net Income

\$51k

10,000-18,000 visitors per year (admission \$12) 700-1000 memberships (annual dues \$120)

## WHAT DO THE NUMBERS LOOK LIKE?

Phase I

Building and Improvements

**Exhibits** 

Total

\$1 Mil

\$500K

\$1.5 Mil