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OUTDOOR SUMMER FUN KICKS OFF AT THE FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

FLINT, MI - Check out the **Sproutsides Summer Kickoff** event Saturday, June 12 from 11 am - 3 pm at the Flint Children's Museum (weather permitting). June 12 is National Get Outdoors Day! To celebrate, the Flint Children's Museum will be opening Sproutsides, the outdoor natural learning environment next to the museum, for the summer season. The museum will offer opportunities for families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities.

Sproutsides includes a large area to run and play, a sand pit, outdoor toy box, rock garden, picnic area, hand-washing station and more. The outdoor environment hosts two gardens—the Sensory Garden and the Stone Soup Garden. The Sensory Garden appeals to the five senses—sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing—incorporating plants and vegetables appropriate to each sense. The Stone Soup Garden, based on the famous Stone Soup fable, is full of vegetables that museum visitors get to taste and take home. Special outdoor activities will also be offered during the Kickoff event.

The Sproutsides area will have two new features this year. A pavilion for shade and a water fountain have been installed, made possible by funding from the Ruth Mott Foundation.

Sproutsides is open from 11 am to 3 pm on the museum's normal days of operation.

The museum is located on the campus of Kettering University at 1602 W. University Avenue in Flint. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$4/person, ages 1 and up. For more information, call 810-767-5437 or visit www.flintchildrensmuseum.org.

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