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Serving Lansing Area Families and the Development of At-Risk Youth

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Experiencing Our Evolving World

A darkened gallery in the MSU Museum held a giant illuminated globe that seemed to float in space. With a user-friendly control panel and four projectors, geophysical, environmental and cultural information was displayed on a 360 degree animated sphere. The spinning earth gave different kinds of data, including the history of earth's cities, weather and even the interior of a biological cell.



Vast biological diversity that exists on planet earth was shown in many ways throughout the

Museum. The skull and full skeleton of African and Asian elephants were impressive. Butterflies and moths were displayed in full color with close up views of their characteristics allowed the youth by hanging magnifying glasses. The Hall of Animal Diversity presented an array of animals and species with information on how they evolved adapting to their various habitats. Fascinating!

Artifacts from the time of MI statehood; a general store and an original transported lumberjack cabin were seen.



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A Wealth of Plenty

There are so many hands-on activities at the *Impression 5 Science Center* that not one of the Greer Center youth was able to do them all. With the purpose of encouraging visitors to make meaningful connections to science using all five senses, *Impression 5* is a dynamic interactive space for families to play, create and challenge together their understanding of science. Greer Center youth were alerted before arrival that there would be many people of all ages--from preschoolers (and there were many) to adults—and therefore they needed to lookout for others, especially toddlers, and “take turns.” They responded impressively.



The Giant Flywheel was a big hit transferring the muscle energy of the youth, manually pumping the wheel, to a force that propelled a burst of water to the ceiling above. The Vortex of water whirling from its axis also attracted attention as youth considered tornados or stirring milk into coffee. The youth knew what a piano was but few had ever seen how the insides work when the keys are played. The Science of light had demonstrations from how cameras work to a fascinating Plasma Globe through which a beam of light was conducted to the hand touching the Globe's surface. At the end of the trip, the youth filled out evaluation



sheets. The major response was they wish they could have stayed longer and wanted to go back again.

The Greer Center, a nonprofit organization, serves the community through the generosity of people like you.

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