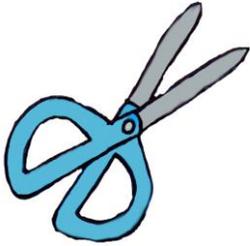


# The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of the Child At Westland Mall, West Burlington, Iowa Get Your Creativity On



The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Day of the Child event at Westland Mall, West Burlington, will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from Noon-4 p.m. This event was started by a child care provider working through Community Action's Child Care Program in response to the difficulties many families were facing in accessing community service information. The event has grown from 20 agencies and organizations participating in 1988 to over 35.

This free, no pressure event gives families time to engage in a variety of activities with their children. Over 600 children attend this event with their families each year. Children have the opportunity to play, do art or craft projects, build with blocks, listen to stories, and have fun! Adults gain awareness of the services and support systems that exist in our community.

Dedicated people from many agencies and organizations set up booths throughout the mall during this event. Each agency or organization sets up their booth according to the year's theme and offers hands-on activities along with give away items. These agencies and organizations also take the opportunity to provide families with information about their resources and programs.

The most rewarding part of the day for event planners is to see dads, moms, grandparents, and other special people in children's lives playing on the floor with them, engaging in arts, crafts or games, and having a wonderful time together. There is always a great deal of laughter. Day of the Child is a day set aside just for children and many amazing and magical things can happen!

We are pleased and thankful that Westland Mall in West Burlington, Iowa graciously hosts this yearly event for our community each year.

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