



January 2026

Dear Friend of Children,

It is time to begin planning for the **36th Annual Children's Festival** to be held in Frederick's Baker Park on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. The Children's Festival is a free event for children, ages two to eight years, and their parents. Attendance is typically around 3,000 individuals! As in past years, the Festival Committee is soliciting groups and individuals for entertainment at the event. We hope you will consider our request for your time and talents.

Entertainment is planned as an enhancement of the hands-on activities, which are the heart of the Festival. Families have an opportunity to take time out from the activities to enjoy music, dance and theater groups, and other demonstrations, located at the Bandshell. Community vehicles (i.e. Fire trucks, Police cars, Bookmobile, etc.) are invited to park along East Second Street, so that the children may explore and ask questions. **If there is inclement weather on the day of the Festival, all entertainment will be cancelled.**

Entertainers are asked to provide their services as a contribution to enhance the quality of the Festival. In return the name of your business/agency will be included in event publicity such as pre-event broadcasts and the event flyer. In addition, you are invited to become an event supporter. (Please see attached form.)

Please fill out the attached registration form, indicating your participation interests, and return to us by **April 3rd**. Due to the increased number of participation requests, it is necessary to limit the number of entertainment groups performing. The Children's Festival Committee may begin processing submitted requests and choose the entertainment groups from all applicants. A confirmation letter will be sent to those selected in early April. **All correspondence will be by email if you provide an email address.** Thank you!

Sincerely,

Children's Festival Committee

Children's Festival Committee
226 South Jefferson Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Phone: 301.662.4549
Fax: 301.695.4826
Email: childrensfestival@fcmha.org



Entertainment Registration Form

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization Name: (as it will appear in the program) _____

Address: _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____
All confirmation correspondence will be sent by email if you provide your address.

Type of Presentation/Demonstration: _____

Preferred Time Frame of Performance: Actual performance times will be assigned by the committee in early April.

A.M. _____

P.M. _____

Set-up Time Needed: _____

Break-down Time Needed: _____

Time Length of Your Performance/Demonstration:

15 minutes _____

30 minutes _____

45 minutes _____

60 minutes _____

Special Requests: _____

Special requests will be considered, but are not guaranteed.

Please return this to:

Child Care Choices/MHA

226 South Jefferson Street • Frederick, MD 21701
fax (301) 695-4826 or email childrensfestival@fcmha.org



Children's Festival Contribution Form

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

We will **contribute** the following amount to support Frederick's premier children's event and keep it **FREE** for children and families in the area.

Financial Donation:

Contributor Levels

_____	Children's Champion	\$1000 +
_____	Benefactor	\$600-\$999
_____	Patron	\$200 - \$599
_____	Supporter	\$150 - \$199
_____	Contributor	\$100 - \$149
_____	Friend	\$50 - \$99

In-kind Donation:

printing/purchase of school readiness materials selected by the committee for distribution to families

copying of Festival program

other (please specify) _____

volunteers to work the day of the Festival in positions assigned by the committee

Please return this form to Child Care Choices
Mental Health Association of Frederick County #52-0968521
226 South Jefferson Street, Frederick, MD 21701
fax (301) 695-4826 or email childrensfestival@fcmha.org

*The Children's Festival is sponsored by Child Care Choices/MHA,
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