

CMOM's Annual Sunday Funday Brings Together 1,000+ NYC Families with Ron Harper and PAW Patrol



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All Aboard: The Children's Museum of Manhattan Brings Together 1,000+ NYC Families at Annual Sunday Funday

Ron Harper, PAW Patrol, and a 30,000-Square-Foot Play Landscape Come Together to Celebrate CMOM's Biggest Family Event of the Year

NEW YORK, NY — March 1, 2026 — The Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) welcomed over one thousand families to Metropolitan Pavilion on Saturday, February 28, for its annual Sunday Funday event, rescheduled this year from its traditional January date due to snow, and worth every bit of the wait. The 30,000-square-foot venue was transformed into a high-energy, transportation-themed play environment for families, featuring sports, live performances, Nickelodeon PAW Patrol character appearances, and CMOM-educator-led hands-on art experiences.

Event Highlights

The 2026 Sunday Funday offered families a full day of programming across multiple activation zones:

- **Sports Programming:** Basketball activities led by the NBA, including a special appearance by legendary five-time NBA Champion Ron Harper, alongside football and soccer play zones.
- **PAW Patrol Character Appearances:** Beloved Nickelodeon PAW Patrol characters appeared throughout the day for meet-and-greet moments and photo opportunities with families.
- **Live Performances:** A full slate of stage performances — including music, magicians, mad scientists, physical comedy, and a rocking dance party — entertained audiences of all ages throughout the event
- **Kid-Controlled Racetrack:** The return of a popular kid-controlled racetrack, inspired by children's love of cars and the event's transportation theme, was a standout activation.
- **CMOM Art Experiences:** CMOM educator-led hands-on art activities designed around travel, STEM, and imagination gave children creative, curriculum-based play experiences throughout the day.

By the Numbers

- Over one thousand families and children attended Sunday Funday 2026
- 7 live performances took place throughout the day
- 5 CMOM educator-led art experiences were offered to attendees throughout the event
- The event spanned all 30,000 square feet of Metropolitan Pavilion across multiple activation zones
- Raised over \$700,000 in support of CMOM's education and outreach programs for New York City families

Photos Available for Download

A selection of high-resolution images from Sunday Funday is available for download and attached:

<https://app.air.inc/a/b0f6568f5>

Images capture highlights of the event's activities and festivities, featuring CMOM Sunday Funday Co-Chairs Brittany Kurz, Renny Lewis, and Stephanie Stuchin; CMOM Founding Board Chair Laurie Tisch; special guest Carolyn Tisch Blodgett, Managing Owner of the championship-winning Gotham FC; Manhattan Borough President Brad Holyman-Sigel; former Whitney Museum President Scott Rothkopf; outgoing DCLA Commissioner Laurie Cumbo; celebrated author and ballerina Misty Copeland; and five-time NBA Champion Ron Harper.

Full photo details, captions, and credits are included in each.

About Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday is the Children’s Museum of Manhattan’s annual signature off-site family fundraising event, bringing the spirit of CMOM’s hands-on, educator-led programming to an expanded scale beyond the museum’s walls. The event’s funds directly support CMOM’s mission of delivering research-based early childhood education and outreach to New York City families, including those served through CMOM’s community partnerships with shelters, Title 1 schools, Head Start facilities, and city agencies across all five boroughs. Now in its 10th year, Sunday Funday unites CMOM’s educational programming with various partners across sports, entertainment, and the arts to create a meaningful, fun day for CMOM families.

About the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM)

For more than 50 years, the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) has been a cornerstone resource for families and caregivers in New York City, delivering research-based programming that supports the social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children during their most critical years of growth. Located on West 83rd Street, CMOM develops and presents hands-on exhibits and experiences designed to build lifelong learners — and is committed to making those experiences accessible to all families, including those most in need, through partnerships with New York City agencies, Head Start facilities, shelters, and community organizations across the five boroughs.

In 2024, CMOM launched the final phase of a \$300 million campaign to relocate to a new, significantly larger home at West 96th Street and Central Park West. Expected to open in 2028, the new museum will more than double current visitor capacity and expand CMOM's programming to serve children from birth through age 10.