

Parent Circle

Calendar of Events



Curated Conversation with Lauren Smith Brody

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

An intimate conversation with **Lauren Smith Brody**, author of *The Fifth Trimester*, will explore the intersections of identity, ambition, and modern parenthood. Lauren will share insights into the pressures parents carry, challenging the guilt and standards that accompany raising children of all ages.



Curated Conversation with Susan Magsamen

February 2027

Susan Magsamen, co-author of *Your Brain on Art*, will share how the arts shape early childhood development. Drawing on neuroscience and real-world practice, she will focus on how creative experiences support learning, emotional growth, and connection in young children—and why this matters more than ever.



Curated Conversation with Marc Brackett

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Marc Brackett, founding director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, will explore the vital role emotions play in learning, relationships, and well-being. He'll also share findings from his decades of groundbreaking research and bestselling book, *Dealing with Feeling*. Lastly, Marc will guide a conversation about how children and families can build emotional awareness, resilience, and connection.



Private Playdate at CMOM

March 2027

Enjoy a private playdate at the Museum with fellow Parent Circle families. Explore exhibits, engage in hands-on activities led by CMOM educators, and make special memories together in an exclusive, personalized experience.



Holiday Family Volunteer Day

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Join us for a Family Volunteer Day at the Museum, where families will help wrap gifts from CMOM's toy drive for our shelter partners, enjoy hands-on art activities, and share holiday treats together in the spirit of giving.



CMOM Annual Gala

Monday, April 12, 2027

CMOM's Annual Gala celebrates the Museum's impact and raises essential support for programs that inspire and empower children and families. *Champion members receive complimentary tickets. Friend, Patron, and Benefactor level members receive priority access to tickets and tables.*



Sunday Funday

Sunday, January 24, 2027

Sunday Funday is a wonderful day of fun for the whole family, featuring hands-on activities, live performances, interactive sports and games, exciting inflatables, face painting, delicious food, and so much more. *Benefactor and Champion members receive complimentary tickets. Friend and Patron level members receive priority access to tickets and tables.*



Curated Conversation with Tovah Klein

May 2027

In the spirit of Mother's Day, the renowned **Dr. Tovah P. Klein** will offer parents an intimate space to reflect, learn, and connect around the joys and challenges of raising young children. Drawing on her books *How Toddlers Thrive* and *Raising Resilience*, Tovah will share practical insights on play, resilience, self reflection, and nurturing children through uncertain times.

Visit our website at cmom.org/parent-circle or contact Becky Beary at bbeary@cmom.org to learn more.

Calendar as of September 2, 2026. Additional events to be added. Schedule subject to change.