



dren's Museum came to speak with our Club for our November 14th Lunch Meeting.

Susan Chandler developed the idea of Temple Children's Museum through visiting similar museums and her time spent volunteering at Austin Children's Museum. When she and her family relocated to Temple, she knew there was a need for hands-on learning. In early 2016, Susan began recruiting like-minded individuals in the community from her moms' group and sons' preschool. The founders started meeting regularly to develop the idea into a reality.

In February of 2017, Ellen Burnett, Susan Chandler, Ashley Heinrich, and Kathryn Hermans presented the idea of a children's museum to the board of the Cultural Activities Center (CAC) and were accepted as a member group. Not long after this presentation, Hannah Weekley joined as a founder, playing an integral role in the development of TCM's first official fundraiser in May of 2017. The fundraiser, a grassroots effort geared towards influential women in Bell County, raised a little over \$30,000.

During the remainder of 2017 and the first half of 2018, the museum has taken hands-on learning to an estimated 2,500 children in Bell County. This is in the form of Field Experiences, which are traveling exhibits that go to mostly elementary schools in our area. The exhibits are S.E.A.M. (Science English Arts Math) focused.

In January of 2018 they added 10 additional board members and have some very exciting things planned for this year. They are in the process of coming up with a plan to renovate a 9000 sqft building in downtown Temple, that will also include a large outdoor space as well.

Upcoming fundraising events include, Yule Tide Tour of Homes. It is a tour of 5 Exclusive Bell County Homes. Friday, Nov 30th 4-7PM Saturday, Dec 1st 10AM - 4PM Jingle Mingle 7-9PM FalalalalaLuncheon 11AM-1PM

Please visit the Temple Children's Museum Facebook or Instagram or their website http:// www.templechildrensmuseum.org/ for more details.