



From left, Mrs. Claus and Mr. Claus pick up Kattie Sterrett, 4, as she tells them she wants anything Minnie Mouse themed for Christmas during the "Holiday on Main Street," at the Children's Museum in Utica Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013. The money raised from the event will go towards the Children's Museum Stem Center with a planetarium, offices and loft apartments on the property of the museum.

Five-year-old John Coppola thought of his family when he sat on Santa's lap reciting a long list of Christmas gifts

He asked for a Lego set for himself, and also wanted a new watch for his father, Joe, a new scarf for his mother, Elizabeth, and a rocking horse and Elmo doll for his little brother Michael.

The Coppolas were one family among many Saturday that filled the third and fourth floors of the Children's Museum to attend its annual Holiday on Main Street event, which began Friday.

Children had the opportunity to meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, look at a Festival of Trees, train exhibits, play with Lego's, sit in a real plane and dance on an LED Play dance floor.

The money raised from selling tickets will go toward building a stem center with a planetarium, offices and loft apartments on the property of the museum.

Frankfort resident Liz Baumgarther brings her 3-year-old son Jake Baumgarther to the museum almost every Thursday. It's one of the first things she did with her son after moving to Frankfort from California.

"I'm having a hard time getting him out of the corner when he can dig and build things. It's John Deere versus Santa," she said.