

# PARTNERS IN PLAY

*Your Museum. Your Impact.*

## MEMBERSHIP SALE! A GIFT FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!

**Get 20% of all membership levels between 12/20 and 12/30!**

Our members enjoy many benefits, including unlimited free admission to the Museum, member-only hours; discounts on birthday parties, the LICM Theater, and at the Museum Store; access to 200+ Children's Museums and Science Centers, and so much more! **Ask about our Grandparents and Corporate Memberships!**

**Grab a membership today** by visiting our website at [licm.org/membership](http://licm.org/membership) or in person at the Box Office. For any questions, please contact [membership@licm.org](mailto:membership@licm.org).

### Upcoming Member-Only Hours (9 am - 10 am):

DECEMBER:	Tues, Dec 23	Fri, Dec 26	Sun, Dec. 28	Tues, Dec 30
JANUARY:	Sat, Jan 17	Sun, Jan 18	Mon, Jan 19	
FEBRUARY:	Mon, Feb 16	Wed, Feb 18	Fri, Feb 20	



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

# JPMorganChase

## FREE Family Nights at LICM

The New Year is a great time to plan ahead. JP Morgan Chase is kicking off 2026 at LICM by sponsoring a series of **informative family workshops and expert talks to support caregivers.**

Sessions will be from 5:30 - 7pm on the following dates:

- **Feb. 3:** *Piggy Banks & College Savings: 529 Family Night*
- **Mar. 24:** *Big Feelings, Bright Futures: Family SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) Night*
- **Apr. 21:** *Safe & Secure: A Family Cyber Safety Night*

These sessions will include:

- Free childcare\* for the first 50 children (ages 2-10)
- Free museum play and crafts
- Food and drink
- Caregiver sessions on high-demand topics

\*NOTE: Childcare availability is limited. Adults must remain on site for the duration of the event.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact [Development@licm.org](mailto:Development@licm.org).

# EMOTIONS AT PLAY

WITH PIXAR'S INSIDE OUT



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**January 17, 2026 - May 10, 2026**

**Emotions at Play with Pixar's Inside Out**, the first interactive exhibit based on the award-winning film, helps visitors – young and old – understand the important role emotions, memory, and imagination play in our everyday lives. Join us for special events and curated programs.

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Friends!

At LICM, we believe **play is powerful**. It's how children learn - they discover their own abilities, test ideas, and connect with each other. When you walk through our exhibits, you see confidence being built, empathy being learned and creativity taking root.

As a cultural and educational institution, LICM is also part of the economic fabric of Long Island. We're proud to engage **more than 300,000 people each year**, hosting hundreds of school and family programs, and collaborating with other nonprofits across the region. We're creating access for all families — from military members to those receiving SNAP benefits — ensuring more families have the chance to learn through play. A story dear to my heart is shared on this page.

Our work is guided by a simple but profound belief: **that the children who play together today will live and work together tomorrow**. And that makes our Museum more than just a place for families to spend an afternoon — it's a place where the future of our communities begins.

This year, that vision came to life in a new way with the opening of **our first new permanent exhibit in more than a decade - *Saltwater Stories: We Need the Sea & the Sea Needs Me*** — celebrating Long Island's maritime culture and connecting families to the place we all call home. We are especially grateful to the corporations, foundations, and individuals who have stepped up in the wake of federal cuts to ensure this work continues.

Together, we're not only helping children explore their world, **we're helping Long Island imagine its future. Thank you!**

*Edna S. Flores*

## IMPACT SPOTLIGHT:

### THE POWER OF PLAY IN ACTION

Imagine how it must feel when something as simple as a family outing to a museum isn't simple at all. **"Going to places with a high-needs child with autism was very difficult," says Lara.** "My child with special needs has a twin and a younger sibling. And we always stuck out."

**That changed when Lara discovered LICM.** "It was a place where we felt safe—all of us," she says. "There were people around us who looked like us, who sounded like us, and who acted like us."

**Long Island Children's Museum offers a wide range of accessibility and inclusion resources.** These accommodations help children regulate sensory input in overwhelming environments, enabling them to play and learn alongside their peers and allowing families to participate comfortably. For Lara and her family, that expansion of services has been transformative.

"Now that the kids are older, there are fewer things we can do together as a family," Lara says. **"But the Museum is still something we can all enjoy. It really grows with the child."**

Lara's story - and so many others - can be told **because of YOU, our supporters**. Your generosity is the foundation of every moment of growth experienced at LICM.

**Thank you for standing with us** and for your help in making these transformative experiences possible.



*Lara and her family enjoy the new Saltwater Stories exhibit at LICM this fall.*



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## SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR MUSEUM!

LICM continues to offer hands-on, interactive experiences that bring learning to life through the power of play. Click the links below for tickets and info.



### SNOWFLAKE SOCK SKATING

- Included with general admission, come slide into the snowy season and take a spin on our indoor "sock skating" rink
- In residence through Jan 4, 2026.
- **Scan the QR code** to enter our contest to win 4 NY Islanders tickets and a family membership to LICM.

### SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

- **Countdown to 12!**: Wednesday, December 31
  - Join us to "O-FISH-ally" welcome the year 2026 with three ball drops at Noon, 2 pm, & 4 pm

### NEW EXHIBITS:

- **Emotions At Play with Pixar's Inside Out**, in residence January 17, 2025, through May 10, 2026.
- **Saltwater Stories**, LICM's new permanent exhibit

### PLAN YOUR VISIT!

Check out the full [Events and Programming Calendar](#).

## "PLAY" A PART IN THE IMPACT

### Ways YOU can support what matters:

- Make a [one-time or recurring donation](#)
- Become an [LICM member](#) for member-only perks
- Make an [in-kind donation](#)
- Reserve an award-winning [birthday party](#)
- Book a [private or corporate event](#) in a playful venue
- Schedule a [group museum visit](#) or [bring LICM to your organization](#)
- Attend an interactive performance in the [LICM Theater](#) or [name a theater seat](#) to leave a legacy
- Support new programming in conjunction with our new permanent exhibit, [Saltwater Stories](#).

**We are so grateful for your support!**



## HONORING HEROES

One of our favorite traditions continued this year! On Veterans' Day, November 11, LICM celebrated the opening of the **Veterans Portrait Project** in our *Community Gallery* on the second floor of the museum, hosted by Assemblyman Ed Ra.

Eighth-grade students from Notre Dame School in New Hyde Park once again paired with local veterans to hear their stories and honor their service through essays and watercolor portraits, guided by teachers Jennifer Starzman and Maria Murphy. The exhibit ran through the end of November and will return in 2026.

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## CREATING NEW FAMILIES

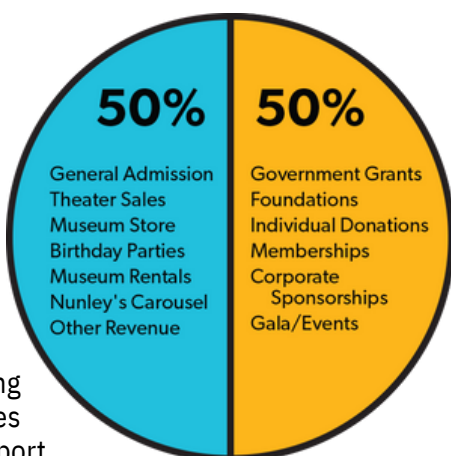


On November 22, LICM was honored to host **Nassau County's National Adoption Day ceremony**. Two families finalized their adoptions, and we were delighted to celebrate alongside several others who completed the process earlier this year. After a heartfelt legal ceremony, families enjoyed a joyful day of play throughout the Museum. Congratulations to all—we can't wait to welcome you back to create even more memories at LICM. **#NationalAdoptionMonth #PlayLICM**

## WHY SUPPORT THE POWER OF PLAY?

### ANNUAL FUND

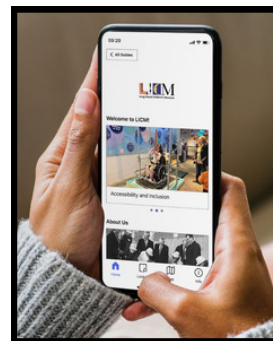
We rely on grants, corporate sponsorships, memberships and donations to fund nearly half of everything we do. **With your support**, LICM can remain committed to creating learning opportunities for **all children**, support the well-being of children and families, and ensure that those with the greatest need have access to the Museum. **Find out how you can create impact [HERE](#).**



## A DIGITAL GUIDE TO LICM

Now, families can access the magic of LICM anytime, anywhere!

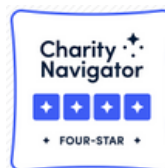
The free **Bloomberg Connects** app now features Long Island Children's Museum alongside over 1,000 other amazing cultural spaces. Combining visitor insights, audio guides, accessibility tools, and wayfinding, **Connects is a simple and entirely free tool** designed to allow LICM to focus on creating exceptional experiences for over 300,000 annual visitors. **Whether you're planning your trip to LICM or already in the galleries**, the app is your digital guide to discovery, helping you to dive deeper into your favorite exhibits and uncover new ones.



## AWARDS & ACCREDITATIONS



LICM has received local and national recognition for its exhibitions, programs, and community initiatives.



To learn more, get involved, or to donate, visit [www.licm.org/about/](http://www.licm.org/about/) or email us at [Development@licm.org](mailto:Development@licm.org).



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