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JENNA BUSH HAGER PRESENTS *GREAT FRIEND TO KIDS AWARD*
TV Co-Host Adds Support up to Children's Museum Fundraiser

September 2020 -- Jenna Bush Hager, co-host, TODAY with Hoda & Jenna, will be joining Long Island Children's Museum as it presents the *Great Friend to Kids Award* on October 8. Hager will introduce inaugural award recipients Lisa and Lewis Warren during Cupcakes & Cocktails the Museum's annual fundraiser, which is going virtual this year. (Viewable at www.licm.org/cupcakes2020)

The TV personality and best-selling author has a personal connection with the Museum award. "My grandmother Barbara Bush received the national *Great Friend to Kids Award* from the Association of Children's Museum in 2003," explained Hager. "I am honored to have the opportunity to present this award to another generation of community champions, who share my belief in the value and impact of Children's Museums. Lisa and Lewis Warren model the positive behaviors we all want to pass along to our children – generosity, kindness and empathy."

Jenna Bush Hager joined TODAY as a correspondent and contributor in August 2009. She has conducted a wide range of interviews with notable figures including former first lady Michelle Obama, Reese Witherspoon, Joanna Gaines, Katherine Schwarzenegger and fellow first daughter Susan Ford Bales. As part of her work on TODAY, Hager received a 2012 Daytime Emmy® Award for Outstanding Morning Show. In 2011, she was honored as one of Glamour's Women of the Year alongside her mother and sister.

Prior to joining TODAY, Hager was a reading teacher at a public school in Baltimore. She began her career as an elementary school teacher in Washington D.C. in 2005. Hager is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller "Sisters First," written with her sister Barbara Bush, and the New York Times bestseller "Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope," which she wrote after interning with UNICEF in Latin America. She also co-authored the children's books "Our Great Big Backyard" and "Read All About It!" with her mother. She is currently an editor-at-large for Southern Living. Hager lives on Long

Island with her husband, Henry Hager, their two daughters Mila and Poppy, and their son Hal.

Established in 1991 by the Association of Children's Museums, the *Great Friend to Kids Award* has been presented nationally to The Junior League, former First Lady Barbara Bush, Temple Grandin Ph.D. (autism advocate), and Fred Rogers ("Mister Rogers), among others. This year represents the first time that Long Island Children's Museum will be presenting the award on the local level. The award spotlights the contributions of community champions who enhance the lives of children. Lisa and Lewis Warren are being recognized for their service and financial support to myriad charities, educational institutions and youth sports programs across the region.

The public is invited to celebrate the Warrens' community contributions on October 8 at 7 p.m. during the Museum's virtual Cupcakes & Cocktails event. Normally a "grown-up" event held at the Museum, this year's event is designed with an at-home family audience in mind and can be viewed for free at licm.org/cupcakes2020 or on LICM social channels.

About the Long Island Children's Museum

The mission of Long Island Children's Museum is to connect all our communities' children, and those who care for them, to a life of wonder, imagination and exploration. At LICM, children discover their passions and their relationship to the world we share. The 40,000-square-foot museum welcomes nearly 275,000 children and adults annually. The private, not-for-profit institution chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers museum-based educational programs and cultural experiences, as well as an extensive community outreach program offered in schools, libraries and youth centers across Long Island. The Museum is the recipient of the 2012 National Medal for Museum & Library Service, the highest honor conferred on museums for extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions.