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**LONG ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FUNDRAISER HONORS LONG ISLAND COUPLE
Michael & Alexandra Marino to Receive Community Leadership Award**

Long Island Children's Museum prides itself on modeling learning experiences rooted in kindness, empathy and compassion for its young visitors. It's no wonder then, that those same attributes are present when the Museum singles out recipients for its "Community Leadership Award" presented at its annual fundraiser, Cupcakes & Cocktails. **Michael & Alexandra Marino** weave these characteristics throughout their personal and professional lives.

The Lloyd Harbor couple will be recipients of Long Island Children's Museum's "Community Leadership Award" on Thursday, September 22, when the region's business and community leaders can immerse themselves thoroughly in the institution they are supporting. During the night, guests enjoy hands-on activities and live performances and can bid on unique experiential auction packages. The night is designed to let supporters rediscover their "inner child" and experience the Museum as young visitors do throughout the year.

"Michael & Alexandra Marino live their lives with a spirit of gratitude and focus on community," noted LICM President Suzanne LeBlanc. "We are delighted that they have recognized the Children's Museum as the perfect place to expand their charitable support to improve lives in the community we share. As parents they have witnessed first-hand the importance and joy the Museum provides to our region's families and are working to ensure that more in our community will enjoy these experiences."

Michael and Alexandra Marino fully believe that there is no greater time than the present to donate and contribute to causes and initiatives that provide for a better tomorrow. Over the years they have centered most of their charitable support through causes near and dear to friends and clients including various educational scholarship programs. Through American Global Michael is also a member of the Consulting Contractors Council and American Global has sponsored and worked closely on several charities such as Habitat for Humanity and events to support local and national organizations like Boys and Girls Club of America. The couple's shared commitment to expanded charitable efforts at this time, and their return to Long Island makes their support of Long Island Children's Museum, a space that their three sons love, a priority.

Michael Marino is Chairman and CEO of American Global, a leader in the construction risk management industry. Founded by Michael when he was 30 years old, American Global is one of the fastest growing insurance brokers in the country. The innovative and dynamic leader has built a

culture of collaboration to attract, develop and retain the best professionals in the industry. Michael founded the company when he and Alexandra were living in Miami and opened four offices in its first year of operation. Over the last eight years American Global moved its headquarters to Long Island and has continued to grow throughout the country and internationally. All of American Global's growth has been organic and Michael is most proud of the culture within American Global and focuses on being an employer of choice

Alexandra Marino worked as a corporate Human Resources and Talent Management professional in both the energy sector and civil infrastructure industry for 12 years. Focused on succession management, workforce planning and talent acquisition and development, she was a trusted advisor helping large organizations align business strategies with HR and talent objectives. She recently stepped away from the corporate world to focus on family; raising three young sons. She is a decades long practitioner of yoga and recently received her 200-hour registered Yoga and Prenatal Yoga training certifications.

The couple met at Trinity University, where Alexandra earned a dual bachelor's degree in Communications and Spanish and Michael received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. While at Trinity University, Michael played soccer and lacrosse and was a member of the 2003 Men's Division 3 National Championship team. After completing her undergraduate degrees, Alexandra went on to pursue a master's degree in Human Resource Management from New York University.

Community support positions the LICM fundraiser as one of the most successful on Long Island. Through corporate sponsorships, event tickets, journal ads and auction sales, the event is targeted to raise \$800,000 to support key Museum initiatives including bilingual kindergarten readiness programs, educational enrichment programs for underserved schools, STEM programs for elementary school students and teachers and a range of resources and programs to support children with disabilities.

Co-chairs for the evening are **Scott Rechler**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of RXR Realty LLC and **Scott Burman**, Principal, Engel Burman & President, EB Construction. Information on sponsorships and tickets for the fundraiser are available at www.licm.org/cupcakes2022

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 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.

LICM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), recognized as the field's gold standard for museum excellence and signifies a museum's quality, credibility and its deep commitment to mission and community. Less than 3% of the nation's more than 30,000 museums

have earned this recognition. LICM is currently the only children's museum in NY State, and just one of 16 nationwide, to achieve accreditation.

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.