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LI PHILANTHROPISTS TO RECEIVE INAUGURAL GREAT FRIEND TO KIDS AWARD

Lisa & Lewis Warren Honored at LICM Cupcakes & Cocktails Virtual Event

September 10, 2020—Laurel Hollow, NY-residents Lisa and Lewis Warren have been named inaugural recipients of the *Great Friend to Kids Award* presented by Long Island Children's Museum. The award, spotlighting the contributions of community champions who enhance the lives of children, will be presented during the Museum's virtual Cupcakes & Cocktails fundraiser on October 8.

The Warrens have dedicated 30 years of service and financial support to myriad charities, educational institutions and youth sports programs across the region. Benefitting organizations have included Long Island Children's Museum, PENCIL, Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club, The Youth & Family Counseling Agency, Planting Fields Arboretum, North Shore Land Alliance, Portledge School, Green Vale School, Hotchkiss, Boston University, Middlebury College, Old Dominion University, New Jersey Avalanche U16 Hockey Team, Jr. Figures Skating Committee at Beaver Dam Sports Club, and Long Island Gulls.

The Warrens' involvement with Long Island Children's Museum began in 2002 and represents one of their largest philanthropic partnerships. Lewis Warren served on the Museum's Board of Trustees for eight years, serving as a member of the Executive Committee as Board Secretary. The Warrens served together as Co-Chairs (2003-2006) of LICM's popular "Friends Around the World Festival," a multi-cultural celebration introducing visitors to the diverse cultures of their Long Island neighbors.

"Lisa and Lewis Warren truly embody the spirit of the *Great Friend to Kids Award*," explains LICM President Suzanne LeBlanc. "They have been true community champions; focusing on ways to improve the lives of children by enhancing the resources and organizations available to support their dreams. Their generosity, focus and commitment are boundless."

Lewis Warren serves as Managing Director and National Industry Executive for J.P. Morgan. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency, and Vice Chair of PENCIL, a NYC non-profit. Lisa Warren is President of Placid, LLC, a Real Estate Investment Company. She has served as a Commissioner to the Nassau County Planning Commission since 2018.

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 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 on LICM social channels.

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. 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.