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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM HOSTS FAMILY VALENTINE'S PARTY

"Be Mine Ball" Slated for Saturday, February 9

Long Island Children's Museum hosts a celebration of love and friendship for families at its **"Be Mine Ball"** on Saturday, February 9 from 6-9 p.m. The after-hours Valentine's party offers plenty of sweet activities for the whole family to enjoy while still reserving February 14 for grownups to enjoy a night of romance.

The Museum has planned a a range of LOVE-ly activities to enjoy with all the special people in their life. The night will feature a **"Heart of Gold"** Dance Party; three-hours of music that everyone in the family can dance to, together. Our DJ will get guests on the dance floor doing the Electric Slide, Macarena and of course, the Cupid Shuffle.

Families can take a break from the dance floor and cool off as they create some themed crafts and party accessories like **"Crazy in Love"** top hats, **"Love Bug"** necklaces, **"Love is in the Air"** fans and **"Heart 'Felt' Flowers."** Add an extra dash of color to your party attire (all guests are encouraged to wear red to the party) with a stop at our **"Follow Your Heart"** face painting station. Decorate and enjoy a sweet treat before heading back to the dance floor. Families can capture a special memory of the night as they pose with the **Dancing Heart** mascot. Pack all your love-ly goodies in a **"Love You to the Moon and Back"** bag to save you mementos of the night.

The **Be Mine Ball** is one of the many special events LICM offers to allow families to celebrate together. Other popular family celebratory events include "Spring EGGstravaganza," "Ghostly Gala," and "Countdown to 12."

"Love and friendship are very much top of mind at LICM this year, as we continue our 25th birthday celebration," notes LICM Director of Education & Visitor Experience. "We've experienced so much love from Long Island families over the years and made so many great friends that we want to be mark this date devoted to love in a big way."

Tickets for the **Be Mine Ball** are available at \$12 per person (\$10 museum members) and can be purchased online (www.licm.org) or at the Museum's Box Office.

About the Long Island Children's Museum

Long Island Children's Museum invites visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to explore freely, discover their passions, and appreciate the communities and world we share. The 40,000-square-foot museum is a learning laboratory where hands-on exhibits invite visitors to experiment, examine, and play. The Museum welcomes 250,000 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.