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## **NATIONAL GRID SUPPORTS STEM LEARNING FOR LI CHILDREN**

### **Energy Company Supports Long Island Children's Museum Programs**

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Long Island Children's Museum just got a major energy boost ... courtesy of National Grid. The energy company has renewed its commitment to support LICM's science programming for Long Island children with a grant totaling \$150,000 over two years. The funding will support two unique science programs serving children from first grade through high school.

The funding represents a renewed partnership between LICM and National Grid, which has supported the Museum since 2010. This grant will support the Museum's **Westbury School District's STEM Partnership**, which focuses on assisting elementary school aged children in a high-need school district, as well as **Green Teens**, a volunteer program for high school students; providing training for them to become museum educators as they develop and teach year-round science-based educational programs to museum visitors.

"Long Island Children's Museum is grateful for National Grid's ongoing support of the Museum's STEM education initiative that ignites and maintains children's interest in these critical curriculum areas throughout their school life," said LICM President Suzanne LeBlanc.

"National Grid is proud to support Long Island Children's Museum and its innovative programs that inspire children to explore, collaborate and investigate," said Mauri Myers-Solages, Corporate Citizenship manager of National Grid. "This educational approach creates life-long learners that produce the types of employees that all corporations seek."

The **Westbury STEM Partnership** supports all the school district's first and second graders by providing enriching and engaging activities that connect with New York State curriculum. With the support of National Grid, 700 students and 40 teachers will receive educational enrichment programs in the coming year.

The Westbury STEM Partnership bolsters students and teachers' passion for STEM education by providing resources inside and outside the classroom.

The **Green Teens** program recruits and trains high school students in the Museum's inquiry-based techniques to teach the Museum's "STEM Explorers" program, providing visitors with year-round interactive nature, science and environmental education content. Working with the Museum's STEM Initiatives Program Director, the teens develop curriculum and hands-on activities that are offered free of charge throughout the year. This program develops leadership and teaching skills that translate into meaningful career and community engagement later in life.

### **About the Long Island Children's Museum**

The mission of the 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 270,000 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 community centers across Long Island. The Museum is the recipient of the 2012 National Medal for Museum & Library Service, the highest honor conferred on institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Since 1994, IMLS has presented the award to institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to community service.

### **About National Grid**

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