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Selby Drummond and Steven Dubb Honored with Community Leadership Award at Annual Cupcakes & Cocktails Fundraiser

Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) will honor **Selby Drummond** and **Steven Dubb** with its' Community Leadership Award at the Museum's annual *Cupcakes & Cocktails* fundraiser. The event, which will take place on October 9, 2025, will recognize the pair's unwavering dedication to children's well-being and their commitment to fostering creativity and community.

As parents of two young daughters, Selby and Steven have a personal understanding of the transformative power of experiential learning and play-based education. Since becoming parents, they have recognized that engaging children through exploration, imagination and hands-on experiences is not an optional activity—it is a critical component of their development. Their shared devotion to creating a brighter, more innovative future for families everywhere aligns seamlessly with LICM's mission to inspire curiosity, creativity and learning in children of all ages.

Selby Drummond, currently Senior Strategic Officer at Plum Alley Ventures, is a trailblazer in technology, media and venture capital. Her career has been defined by an innovative approach to bridging creativity with commerce, most notably in her work with Snap Inc. and Bumble, where she helped transform how users connect, communicate and engage with technology. Her passion for culture, innovation, and equity extends beyond the corporate world, with board leadership roles at organizations like the 15 Percent Pledge and EMILY's List.

Steven Dubb, Principal at The Beechwood Organization, has dedicated his career to building sustainable, community-centered real estate developments across the Northeast. A Long Island native, Steven's work in creating master-planned communities is rooted in his belief that thoughtful design and community connection can create lasting, positive change. Museums'17, Steven has been a member of LICM's Board of Trustees, where he has actively championed the

Museum's efforts to spark imagination, encourage lifelong learning and create meaningful experiences for children and families across the community.

Their shared commitment to philanthropy and the importance of experiential learning and play-based education make them ideal recipients of LICM's Community Leadership Award.

This year's *Cupcakes & Cocktails* fundraiser promises to be an exciting evening, as area business leaders, educators and community partners come together to support the Museum's vital educational programs. Funds raised will directly support LICM's initiatives, including bilingual kindergarten readiness programs, STEM education for elementary students and teachers, and a range of resources for children with disabilities. The event aims to raise \$1,000,000 to continue the Museum's mission of providing access to creativity, learning and cultural experiences for all families.

"Government support has been instrumental in helping us launch key programs like kindergarten readiness, STEM education, and resources for children with disabilities—initiatives that play a vital role in supporting our community's children," noted LICM President Erika S. Floreska. "However, with recent cuts to this traditional funding base, community support has become even more crucial. The funds raised through this year's Cupcakes & Cocktails will not only help sustain these programs but will also ensure they continue to evolve, meeting the changing needs of families. At LICM, we believe that the hands-on exploration and play-based learning children experience here sets the foundation for their future success, often sparking curiosity and passions that can shape their career paths as adults. By supporting these programs, we're not just enriching lives today—we're helping to create a generation of thinkers, innovators and leaders for tomorrow."

In addition to honoring Selby Drummond and Steven Dubb, the evening will feature live performances, creative activities, and a preview of the Museum's upcoming exhibit, *Saltwater Stories: We Need the Sea and Sea Needs Me*, which opens to the public two days later. The continuous cocktail party will feature a sumptuous buffet, delectable desserts, and of course, cupcakes—all in the spirit of playful creativity that is central to LICM's mission.

Cupcakes & Cocktails is co-chaired by LICM trustees and past honorees Lisa Warren (2020 Great Friend to Kids Award Honoree) and Alexandra Marino (2022 Community Leadership Award Recipient), ensuring that the event's blend of fun and philanthropy remains true to LICM's commitment to hands-on learning and creativity. Genevieve DellaFera serves as the Silent Auction Chair for this year's event.

For more information or to support the event through sponsorships, underwriting opportunities or tickets to the event, visit **www.licm.org/cupcakes2025**.

About the Long Island Children's Museum (www.licm.org)

The mission of Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) 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 serves over 300,000 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. Additionally, the Children's Museum operates the historic Nunley's Carousel in association with Nassau County, one of three intact Stein & Goldstein carousels still in existence.

Recognized with several honors, including the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), LICM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the gold standard of museum excellence. It is currently the only accredited children's museum in New York State and is one of only 16 accredited children's museums nationwide. LICM has earned 4-stars on Charity Navigator and has Platinum Transparency on Candid.