



ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2017 will be remembered for design, architectural review, waiting for the sale of the building, extensive construction, our Grand Opening, and so many firsts. Our opening was just the beginning; we are continuously looking for ideas and resources for incorporating new interactive exhibits and educational signage, as well as ways to provide innovative experiences in the form of enriching programs and activities. We want to do all of this while prioritizing accessibility for all children in our community.

Lewisburg Children's Museum began as a text message I sent to Abby on January 16, 2016 and led to a driven approach to everything that followed. By February Abby had sent invitations to the first focus group while I filed the paperwork to incorporate and began the process of filing for 501(c)3 status. On March 16, 2016, we held our first LCM board meeting. From that time until our opening 18 months later, LCM attracted an incredible team of dedicated volunteers. From helping with fundraising asks to installing flooring, the commitment from everyone involved demonstrated the value of a team effort.

I know the board joins me in being immensely grateful to the

extraordinary generosity shown by central Susquehanna Valley organizations and individuals, who allowed us to meet both our exhibit construction and fundraising goals. From sponsorships to in-kind donations to volunteer hours, it was all of the investments from our community that truly made this endeavor possible.

It is of particular importance in this, our first year, that we recognize the contributions of our exceptional staff. Who knew that we would be so lucky to find the talent that we have. In 2017 Abby, Kahla, and Lindsey, along with all of our program instructors, part-time employees, and volunteers, were the smiling faces that greeted our visitors and created the welcoming environment that is so important for our continued success.

With much to look forward to in 2018, I extend my deepest gratitude to our board, our staff, our volunteers, and our community. Our shared accomplishments of these past two years will forever remain one of the greatest sources of camaraderie and pride in my lifetime.

Erin Jablonski,
President of the Board

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The LCM was functioning as a museum without walls from June of 2016 until construction was complete in September of 2017. Our fundraising events, weekly programming, and summer mini-camps were our first successful offerings and helped to spread the word about the exciting initiatives soon to come!

Though the commencement of our construction was delayed by a month and a half, we took occupancy and began transforming the 9,000 square feet of exhibit space in February 2017. With exhibit design completed, we were able to begin fabrication of the exhibits, aided by generous in-kind and service donations. Volunteer organizations also spent time within our exhibit space cleaning, painting, and constructing.

With our Board President, Erin Jablonski, focusing on construction and our Vice President, Courtney Remmey, focusing on design, fundraising was my primary focus. Funds were raised in the form of sponsorships, founding memberships, and cash donations. Our fundraising goal of \$200,000 was met four months early in August of 2017, funding any fabrication which was not already

donated. Construction was completed and our grand opening was September 16, 2017.

Thanks to a fantastic marketing plan developed by Secretary Corey Jusko and the marketing committee, we were able to share the news throughout our region that daily operations had begun at the LCM! We quickly exceeded our financial projections for attendance and visitation in 2017.

Our assessment is ongoing as we attempt to understand the needs of our community, improve the educational value for our visitors, and become a resource for families in our region. We have been so pleased to share our mission and vision with so many visitors, participants, volunteers, and donors. We expect further outreach will drive continued success.

Co-founding the LCM has been the highlight of my professional career. Working side by side with talented, impressive, and driven board members and staff has been a constant learning experience. Creating a place for my family, friends, and colleagues to learn, imagine, and play has been such a rewarding experience.

Abby Gulden-Luthi,
Executive Director

INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

The year 2017 has been full of new beginnings for the Lewisburg Children's Museum. It marked the successful end of our first capital campaign. It celebrated the completion of a community sponsored construction effort. And it included our grand opening, which ushered hundreds of visitors through our doors. Lewisburg Children's Museum's opening would not have been possible without widespread support from a variety of local businesses, donors, and sponsors. Their contributions have made the fulfillment of our mission and vision possible.

The mission of the Lewisburg Children's Museum is to bring hands-on, enriching educational experiences in a safe, accessible environment to children in the central Susquehanna Valley. We are committed to providing opportunities for learning, imagination, and play. It is our vision that the LCM will be a destination for engaged learning through quality exhibits, creative programming, and unique interactive experiences, all designed to inspire a diverse range of visitors.

As a museum that seeks to support children, families, and caregivers, the LCM believes that we should strive to be a "museum for all." We prioritize inclusivity and access to provide impactful, educational experiences through play for all children in a safe, interactive environment.

Similarly, the LCM strives to embrace community. We provide opportunities for community input; leverage local connections and strong partnerships with other organizations; promote community awareness and involvement; and always consider our stakeholder network. We provide informational resources for families, serving as a cultural campus and community hub.

The LCM also values quality, innovative experiences. We are committed to providing the highest quality experiences and maintaining an innovative approach to exhibits and offerings. We maintain high standards for our educational, interactive exhibits. All of our experiences (exhibits, programs, and events) are continuously assessed for improvement. We are attentive to the durability, appearance, and user interaction of all our experiences.

To that end, we want to make the best use of our resources. To meet our goals, we must be exceptionally responsible and enterprising stewards of our resources for the benefit of museum visitors. We acknowledge, with immense and sincere gratitude, every donation of time, money, or in-kind material provided to us that allows our organization to grow.

EXHIBIT EXPERIENCE

Providing children with engaging experiences across a variety of content themes is a priority for the LCM. Our exhibits are designed to be cross curricular in nature, providing opportunities for multiple entry points of learning.

The Creation Station allows children to find their inner artist. Here visitors find materials waiting for them to create their masterpiece. Featured in the space is a large stage for young actors to perform plays, complete with props and costumes.

The Bodyworks by Evangelical Hospital exhibit dives in to health. Children can step inside the Teddy Bear doctor clinic or explore anatomy by playing a life size game of operation. After that, they can jump into our ball pit, modeled after the human digestive system, to learn anatomy.

The Weis Grocery Store allows children to select food from the shelves, put it in the cart, and take it to the checkout line. Children explore healthy eating options and can develop mathematical reasoning.

In our main exhibit gallery, children can explore the Play Cafe where they can prepare a meal or have the experience of running their own cafe, seating guests, serving food, and calculating the check. Next, children can walk through our Farm Yard. The practices that are vital to our

surrounding community are illustrated through modern farm machinery and raised garden beds where children can plant and harvest produce to take to the nearby Farmers Market. Additional dig bins allow children to pretend to be paleontologists uncovering fossils. Adjacent to "Dig It" is the toddler mat area. Children can climb and tumble on our soft mats.



Within our Space and Science exhibit, children will find Mission Control, which is the perfect place to turn dials, flip switches, and prepare for a rocket launch. Children are invited to move throughout the room as scientists and engineers, learning about physics and energy as they play with the magnet wall, building ramps and slopes. Also in this exhibit space is our dark room, which features a Lite Brite styled exhibit and a large Magna Tile® table, where children can learn about geometric shapes, patterns, and more!

Of course, no visit to the museum is complete without stopping at the museum gift shop. The LCM's gift shop is operated by the Purple Platypus, a local toy retailer. A valuable partner, the Purple Platypus selects quality, educational items that are sure to ignite a child's imagination and curiosity.



COMING 2018

Using feedback from visitors and focus groups, the LCM is constantly developing and evaluating potential additions to our exhibit space. Based on feedback and collaborations with a variety of community stakeholders, the museum has prioritized a series of improvements for our exhibit space.

Such improvements may include additions to the canal ship, such as an emphasis on mathematics, including weights and measures, as well as exploration through physics, utilizing pulleys to move large loads.

Our Furmano's & Dries Orchard exhibit will feature a reinvented design that may include direct manipulation of a conveyor belt for machinery pieces, such as a harvester.

A water table will be installed in our main gallery. This exhibit feature explores the movement of water and the way it interacts with the objects it encounters as it flows and falls.

To promote mental and emotional wellness, the LCM will install a "Thankful Tree," which will allow guests to share their thoughts and feelings.

In our Creation Station, there will be opportunities to maximize its utilization and capabilities as well. Through activities and programming, the LCM will dive into more complex elements and themes.

Not only will the LCM expand and improve to our current offerings, but we will offer new exhibits and exhibit elements. For example, we will feature an electricity exhibit, which emphasizes circuitry and how electricity is generated.

Also added to Space and Science will be a pneumatic, or vacuum, wall. Children will be mesmerized by the zooming elements of the exhibit, learning about the principles of physics.

Updating our highway infrastructure, the LCM is also pleased to add a gas station to our "highway." Children will be able to fill up their mini cars at the gas station.

Exhibit additions also will include magnetic maps of the world and the United States. This exhibit highlights geography, as well as doubles as museum storage, maximizing our space and resources.

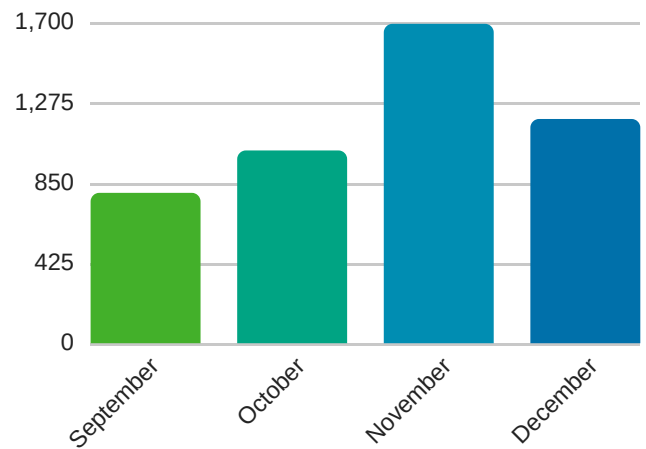


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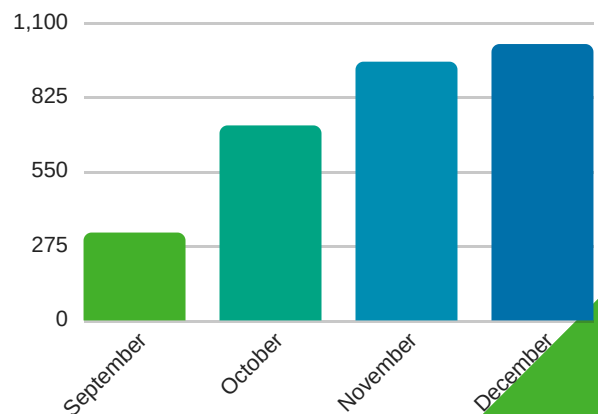
During the grand opening on September 16, 2017, the LCM's admissions revenue was over \$6,800. Within the first week of operation, the LCM generated over \$24,500 in admissions, programming fees, and donations.

With an overwhelmingly positive response to the LCM's grand opening, the question still lingered- how would the community respond to the LCM? Visitation projections were based on a number of factors, including area populations and census data. Based upon that data, the Museum anticipated around 1,700 general admission guests for 2017, which was based on a June 2017 opening date. In the first four months after the grand opening, the LCM welcomed over 4,700 visitors through our doors.

LCM General Admission Guests



LCM Membership Guests



On opening day...



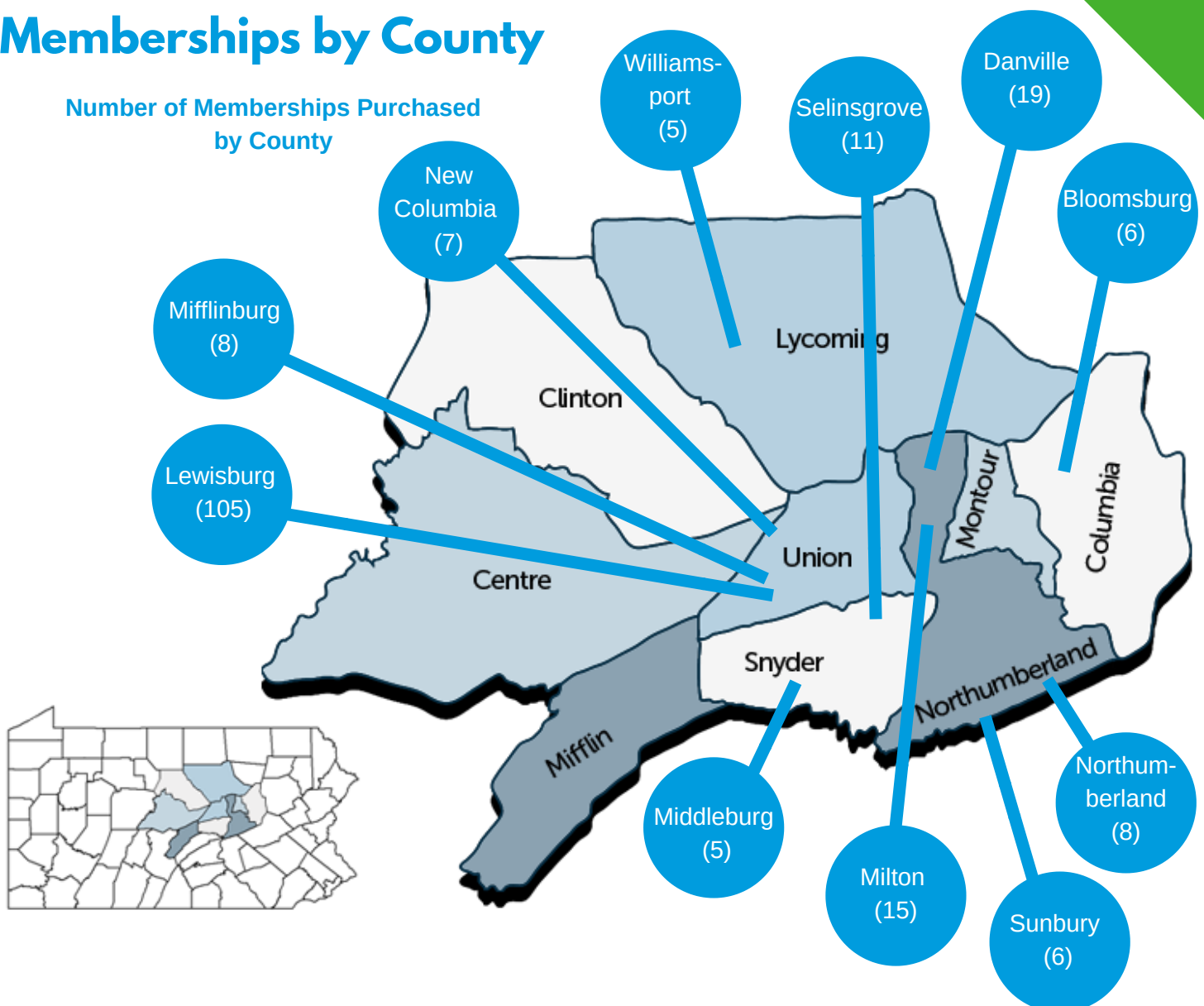
Initial projections estimated that the Museum would sell 130 annual memberships during its first year; however, this projected number was exceeded. In 2017, LCM has provided over 300 families with annual memberships.

Annual memberships have been purchased by families in more than 40 zip codes. The primary demographic group was from Lewisburg, followed by Danville, and then Milton.

Moving forward in 2018, the Museum will actively try to increase awareness of its exhibits and offerings throughout the region. Direct marketing strategies will target schools and other community organizations in underrepresented areas.

Memberships by County

Number of Memberships Purchased
by County



Field Trips at the LCM

Months before the LCM opened, educators and child care providers contacted the Museum regarding the availability of field trips. Due to generous support from the Bucknell University Community Engagement Fund, the LCM has been able to provide discounted rates for field trip children and their teachers. Field trip response from September to December of 2017 has been very positive. Before the end of the year, the Museum began accepting field trip reservations for 2018. By December, the Museum had 9 field trips scheduled, with an estimated 200 children planning to visit the museum in the coming year.

What are teachers saying?

“Will be booking again for next year!”

“Our children loved the time we spent there. It was very educational as well as fun for them.”

“We loved working with your staff, and it was great! We have been to several places in the past and feel that this has been the best experience we have had.”

Since grand opening...

4 Months

7 Field
Trips

250
Children

FINANCIAL REPORT

During 2017, the LCM raised roughly \$262,570 in revenue. These funds came from classes and special events held throughout the year; the LCM Capital Campaign; ticket sales in the final quarter; and various other donations.

During this year, the Museum spent roughly \$176,900 on operating costs, programs and events, and exhibit development.

STAFFING & VOLUNTEERS

The day to day operations would not be possible without the support and enthusiasm of our dedicated staff and volunteers. From running the register to facilitating programs, our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to bring new and engaging activities and experiences to children and their families.

Led by our Executive Director and co-founder, Abby Gulden-Luthi, the Museum employed three full time and one part time staff members during 2017. In addition, the LCM welcomed two summer interns from Bucknell University and Susquehanna University, as well as a number of work study students from both institutions.

Interns and work study students researched and benchmarked policies, prices, and programs, as well as developed exhibit curriculum.

Joining the team in 2018 is Operations Director, Marian Marchiori, who will manage organizational finances, organize LCM policies and guidelines, and oversee exhibit development.

The LCM is fortunate to have a number of individuals from the community who share and support our mission. Individuals, service organizations, and high school and college students have made commitments to the LCM by sharing their time and talents. During the first four months since opening, the LCM welcomed 10 different volunteers who provided over 170 hours of volunteer time. Moving forward, the LCM staff will develop volunteer outreach goals to grow our volunteer program.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LCM?

With strong visitation on the weekends, the LCM tries to incorporate programming opportunities during peak hours. These programs may feature storytimes, STEM experiments, or art projects. Due to the generous support of the Bucknell University Community Engagement Fund and Service 1st Federal Credit Union, the LCM has been able to include these programs with admission. Besides regularly scheduled programming, the LCM hosts various events throughout the year.

Due to the overwhelming response to these events, the LCM is planning to recreate a number of them, but also has plans for new events. For example, to usher in the opening of the LCM courtyard, the Museum will host a garden party in the spring. Not only do these events provide children and their families with an opportunity to learn

and grow together, but many of the upcoming LCM events are collaborations with other community organizations and members. With such a wealth of talent in our region, the LCM actively tries to include community collaborators in our programming efforts.

The LCM has been excited share in the many special moments of our guests through our party rental packages. Since the grand opening, the LCM hosted over 25 parties, with almost 400 children attending, some of whom might not otherwise visited the LCM. Likewise, guests have also taken the opportunity to rent the entire museum for after hours events; several such rentals are already scheduled for 2018.



For much of 2017, the LCM operates as a museum without walls, hosting programs and classes, such as Art class.

A Busy Year at the LCM

February



Children are invited to leave their mark on the walls of the LCM. The LCM raises over \$4,000 through this fundraiser!

March



Fundraising at the LCM becomes a community effort.



The LCM hosts a second successful Helping Hands Fundraiser. Exhibits are well into the construction phase.

April

May



Events are in full swing by May.

June



The second annual Kid Olympics brings together almost 100 children and their families

September



The LCM's ribbon cutting is an exciting event for families in the region.

December



Families join us for our second New Year's Eve event- this time in our museum!

NEW INITIATIVES

The LCM is committed to providing an engaging learning environment for children and their families. To increase museum accessibility, the LCM has a number of new initiatives planned for 2018.

Thanks to generous contributions from the Smalley Family, the Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and PPL Electric Utilities, the LCM been able to distribute free family passes throughout the community.

Moving forward in 2018, the LCM is pleased to announce that it will be participating in the Museums for All national program to increase accessibility to museums. The Museums For All program is a cooperative initiative of the Institute of Museums and Library Services and The Association of Children's Museums. This program provides free or reduced admission for families that present their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and valid form of identification. The goal of Museums For All is to encourage families of all backgrounds to visit museums, building lifelong museum habits.

The Museum will begin participation in the Museums For All initiative in January 2018. The LCM anticipates roughly four families a week utilizing the Museums for All discount. The LCM has also reached out to community action agencies and local assistance offices, who all promote this exciting new initiative.

The LCM also plans to participate in the Blue Star Museums program, which offers free admission for active duty military families from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The program is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across the country.

In addition to reduced or free admission, the LCM is experimenting with other ideas to increase accessibility. Beginning, in December of 2017, the Museum piloted our first Late Night at the Museum. The goal of Late Night is to increase accessibility to families by providing late hours on the first Friday of the month. Late Night at the Museum extends open hours from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Our first Late Night at the Museum was held on Friday, December 1. The Museum plans to host this event on a trial basis for three months, which will provide feedback and data regarding the community's response to extended hours.

The LCM is also developing ways to enhance our field trip curriculum. With the addition of add-on workshops, pre and post lesson materials, and museum guide books and activities, the LCM wants to support educators, providing resources to enhance experiences outside of the classroom.



A COMMUNITY EFFORT

The success of the LCM would not be possible without the generous support and contributions from our sponsors. These individuals and companies have made it possible to fabricate and install LCM exhibits, as well as develop programs and events to share with children and their families. Thank you for all that you do!

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The Connolly/Troiani Family
The Gallimore/Thornley Family
The Jusko Family
The Mudge Family
The Olivero Family
The Still Family
Yoder Barns

Founding Members

The Allison Family
The Ayers Family
The Azeredo Family
The Beal Family

Founding Continued

The Beattie Family
The Bernt Family
The Bussom Family
The Beiler Family
Blue Heron Sports
The Brown Family
Bull Run Taphouse
In Memory of Deane Clements
The Cook Family
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Mr. Patrick Mather
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The Motto Family
The Mudge Family
The Nachtway Family
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The Papon Family
The Rippon Family McDonald's
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The Shea Family
The UPS Store
The Wilson Family
The Wheeler Family
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The Abney Family
The Adams/Blum Family
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Grateful does not begin to adequately describe the appreciation for our guests, members, volunteers, interns, donors, and sponsors. Without your commitment of time, creative ideas, and monetary support, the LCM would not be entering its second year of operation. In fact, we would not be here at all.

From its inception, community organizations and individuals have answered the call. Whether it was participating in focus groups, attending exhibition conception and design meetings, or staffing museum events and programs, the people of the Susquehanna Valley have been in a word- generous.

Community organizations and area businesses have demonstrated their commitment time and again. Donating construction supplies and countless man hours, these groups tirelessly support children and their families.

We are thrilled with the community response to the LCM during our first months since our grand opening. It is because of people, like you, that the LCM has been so welcomed in the Susquehanna Valley.

Thank you

Kahla DeSmit,
Museum Manager

