

LEWISBURG CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The Lewisburg Children's Museum is passionate about learning through play and is grateful for the community that supports that passion. We appreciate every contribution big or small. Our region continues to contribute to the LCM through visits, donations, partnerships, program offerings, and volunteer hours. As a nonprofit, the LCM depends on community support and looking back on our first year of operations, we are so thankful for it.

Community contributions enable us to expand our exhibits, increase our programming, and ensure we are a welcoming, safe, and vibrant learning community for all children. In 2018, we welcomed over 30,000 guests to our museum. With the help of community partners, we opened new exhibits including Electricity, Meteors to Mars, Gas n' Go, Constellation Infinity Mirrors, and the Mission Control room. Thank you to all of the donors

and volunteers who helped bring these exhibits to life! We also expanded our programming to add Sunday and Pop! activities in addition to our regular Saturday programming. Through accessibility initiatives like "Museums for All" and "Count me In" we offered free and reduced admission to approximately 1,400 visitors. We hope to see that number grow in 2019!

The LCM had many noteworthy achievements in 2018 that we are pleased to detail in this year's annual report. In the coming year, we will continue to spread our message about the power of learning through play both at LCM and in the community. We are so thankful for all of the individuals and organizations who continue to support our work. Thank you for being a part of the LCM family and supporting our love of PLAY!

Marian Marchiori

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Looking back on 2018, there is so much to be thankful for; we continue to benefit from the overwhelming generosity of donors and sponsors from throughout our region and beyond, our close partnerships with local organizations, our amazing staff and educational program leaders, and all of the many volunteers who have helped us best serve this community.

During our first full year of operation we experienced all the seasons and rhythms of Lewisburg and the Greater Susquehanna Valley. From Ice Fest, Arts Fest, Chalk Fest to Late Night Shoppers, our signature New Year's Eve event, and everything in between, we welcomed visitors to celebrate, create, and learn with us. We got excited for each new educational program, every new exhibit opening.

Now that we are fully operational, our priority for 2019 is to provide greater low- or no-cost access to our museum and educational programs for those children in our community who would not otherwise be able to afford it. We feel that every child should have the opportunity to enjoy our exhibits and activities. I hope you will join us in support of the "Count Me In" fund that is designated explicitly for financial accessibility.

Looking ahead, our board and staff are committed to continuing to be a resource within our community. Three years ago when I first shared the idea to build a

children's museum, I remember saying that I wanted the museum to be the backdrop for many family photographs and memories. I love that I have had the chance to see some of these great photos. We are here for you on those cold, rainy (or snowy or icy) days, when everyone is getting cabin fever cooped up at home. We are here for you when you need a place to bring your visiting relatives the day after Thanksgiving. We are here for you if it's time for hosting a family reunion, birthday party, or any celebration when you really want the kids to have a great time. We are here in service of families and this community.

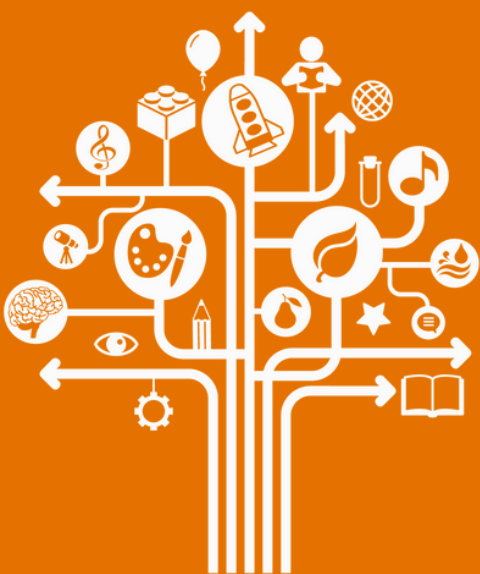
Erin Jablonski

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Lewisburg Children's Museum 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.

OUR VISION

Our Vision for Lewisburg Children's Museum is to be a model destination for engaged learning through high-quality exhibits, creative programming, and unique interactive experiences, all designed to inspire a diverse range of visitors.



OUR VALUES

"We are a museum for ALL."

We prioritize inclusivity and access to provide impactful, educational experiences through play for all children in a safe, interactive environment. We deliver inclusive, accessible, engaging experiences to all visitors regardless of their ability to pay and endeavor to provide access to families of all socioeconomic backgrounds throughout the region.

"We embrace our 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.

"We provide high quality, innovative experiences."

We are committed to providing the highest quality experiences and maintaining an innovative approach to reinvention of exhibits and offerings. We maintain high standards for our educational, interactive exhibits (both static and timely, including rotating and prototypes). All of our experiences are continuously assessed and improved. We are attentive to the durability, appearance, and user interaction with all of our experiences.

"We make the best use of our resources."

In order to meet our goals, we must be exceptionally responsible and enterprising stewards of the entirety 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 function and grow.

New Exhibits Mean New Ways to Play

Meteors to Mars

Our thrilling new Pneumatic Wall lets kids explore concepts of pressure and velocity as their meteors go zooming through the atmosphere. Exhibit fabricated by the Bucknell University's (BU) Chemical Engineering Department.

Gas 'n' Go

The LCM's highway has a pit stop! Children can cruise from exhibit to exhibit, filling up their cars at the Weis Gas'n'Go.



Constellation Infinity Mirrors

To infinity! Thanks to contributions from Boy Scout Troop 538 and the Vigeant-Stumbris Family, children can experience the constellations in a new and exciting way-forever!

Water Table

Sponsored by Custom Container Solutions, the LCM's water table brings a rush of excitement to children as they enter our outdoor courtyard space, sponsored by the Sholley Agency and Creative Plantscapes. This hands-on exhibit lets children splash, pump, and move the water's flow.

Electricity

Sponsored by Citizen's Electric, this new exhibit feature encourages children to use trial and error to connect circuits and light up our miniature street.

Expanded Mission Control

Houston, we have lift off! Check out the LCM's Mission Control: launch a rocket, experience moon sand, and learn about PA astronauts. Sponsored by BU Lids for Kids, CSIU/TAI, SUN Area Technical Institute, and the Capatch Family.



Coming 2019

Our Virtual Valley

The Susquehanna Valley has never been more visual, or virtual! Sponsored by BU's Computer Science Dept. and 7th Street Studio, Wood-Mode, Inc., and the Marchiori Family, this exhibit combines 3D software and sensory components. Watch the landscape change before your eyes.

Discovery Pit

Sponsored by the Union County Conservation District, children can tunnel through the soil to discover the world that lies beneath their feet, including the animals and insects that live there.



Growing Programs for Growing Minds

No school means more time to play! Summer 2018 was an opportunity for the LCM to reach children of all ages. The LCM offered summer mini-camps, including: 3D Art, Around the World in Five Days, Food Engineering, Full STEAM Ahead, Movement for Beginners, Music for Beginners, My First Art Camp, and Spanish for Beginners.

Many of these camps created the opportunity to share in unique community collaborations. For example, Around the World in Five Days let children grab their passports and explore countries around the globe. Area residents with special connections to these countries served as guest instructors, sharing the culture, geography, and beauty of these amazing places.

The summer wrapped up focusing on school readiness, Full STEAM Ahead helped young scholars, and their parents, prepare for the adventure of Kindergarten. Children explored subjects like reading, math, and writing through STEAM based activities.



Lewisburg Children's Museum is pleased to partner with many community organizations and local universities to provide quality educational experiences for children of the Susquehanna Valley. These partnerships have included Bucknell University, the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority, the Degenstein Foundation, Susquehanna University Service Leaders, Union County 4-H, and many more.

In an effort to ensure that every child has the opportunity to visit LCM, 2018 launched a series of admission subsidies programs, including "Museums for All," which allows EBT card holders to receive free admission for up to four people. In addition to "Museums for All," LCM also offers admission subsidies through relationships with Blue Star Museums, Geisinger's Nurse Family Partnership, Union County Children & Youth, and Snyder County Children and Youth. Contact LCM to learn more about supporting this important initiative.



BIG EVENTS, BIG FUN

Kid Olympics

Athletes of all ages gathered for this energy packed day of fun! Thank you to our sponsors Blue Heron Sports, Sweet Frog, and Rippon Family McDonald's Restaurants.



First Birthday Celebration

Look who turned one! LCM hosted a big birthday party celebrating our one year anniversary. Face painting, balloons, and a magic show!



Munchkins & Pumpkins

Sponsored by Dries Orchard and Dunkin Donuts, this fall themed event was enjoyed by all! Costumed children enjoyed carnival themed games and yummy treats.



Third Annual New Year's Eve Party

LCM hosted its third New Year's Eve Party, London style. The night included crafts, dance party, delicious appetizers, and a special sing along with Mary Poppins and Cast from Christ Wesleyan Theater Productions. Special thanks to our sponsors La Primavera, That Kitchen Witch, and Weis Markets. Proceeds supported LCM's accessibility initiatives.

By the Numbers

We welcomed more than...

29,000 Museum Visitors

2,100

Children through on and off site programming

295 Member Families

1,900

Field trip students

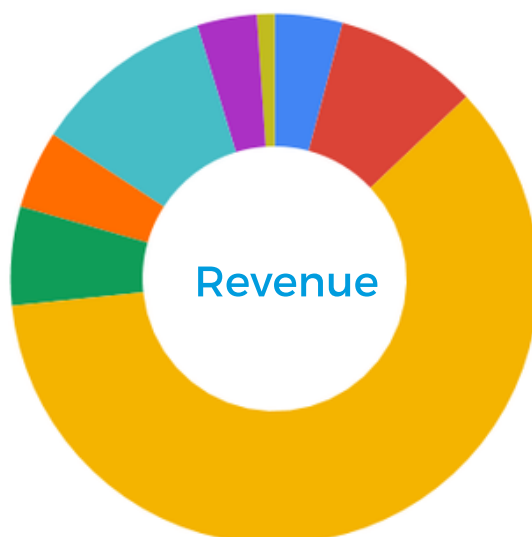
1,363 Free & Reduced Admissions

Museums for All | Geisinger Nurse Family Partnership | Snyder County Children and Youth | Union County Children & Youth

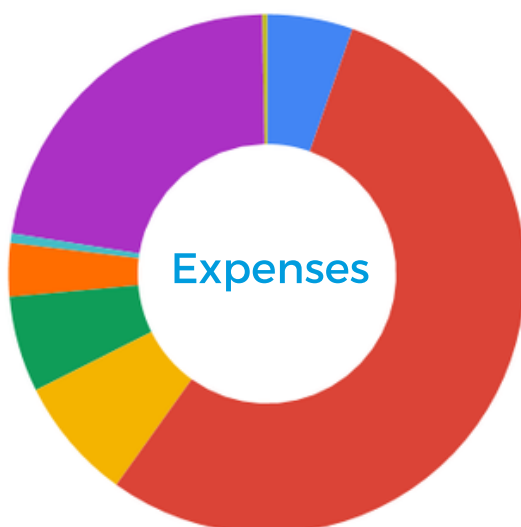
Financial Overview

2018

- Grants
- Fundraising
- General Admission
- Memberships
- Field Trips
- Rentals
- Programming
- Investment Income



- Capital Expenditures (e.g. exhibits)
- Administrative Compensation & Liabilities
- Exhibit Maintenance & Development
- Contract Services
- Programming Supplies
- Marketing
- Rent and Other Business Expenses
- Fundraising Expenses



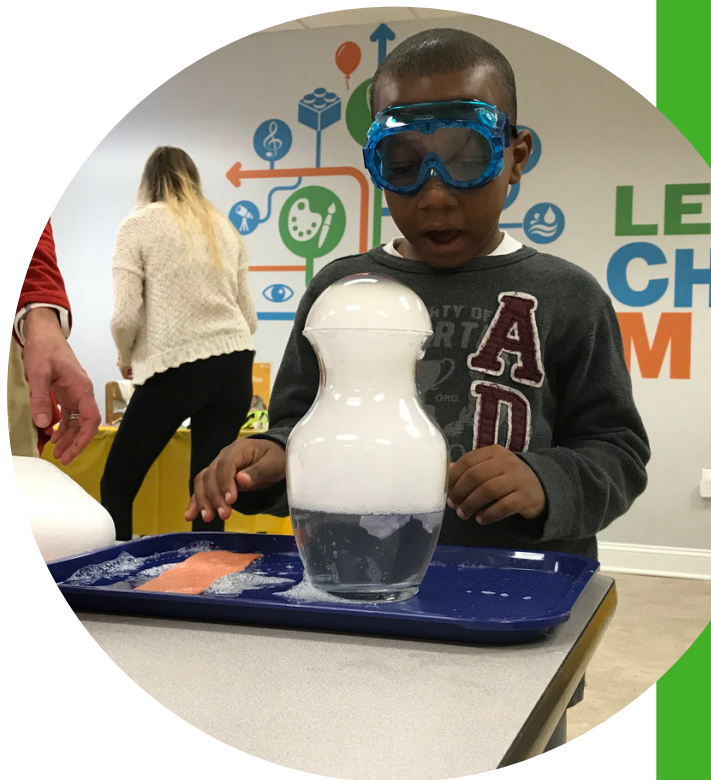
We couldn't do it without you!

Grant Awards

During its first full year of operation, LCM was pleased to receive four substantial grant awards. These grants made it possible to extend admission to area school children and enhance our STEM curriculum.

The **1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation** provided funds to bring Northumberland County children and their families to the Museum, subsidizing the costs of transportation, lunch, and admission. Through this grant, LCM welcomed over 400 students and their families from the Milton and Shikellamy school districts.

We were also awarded two unique **National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE)** 2018 Explore Science kits. NISE's Let's Do Chemistry kits are designed to increase interest, relevance, and feelings of self-efficacy about chemistry topics among public audiences. We were one of 250 kit recipients from around the country. In addition to the Let's Do Chemistry kits, LCM received "Earth and Space" kits, which include hands-on Earth and space science experiences that encourage connections to science, technology, and society.



To increase children's understanding of food sustainability, the **Lindig Lewisburg Foundation** is supporting the co-sponsored initiative between LCM and Union County 4H to develop the "Grow It, Eat It" program. This program is geared for a wide array of ages of Lewisburg youth, demonstrating how they can grow, cook, and understand the dietary nutrition of their food.

A Community Effort

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

Fred Rogers

Making play the work of childhood truly is a community effort. Local businesses and active community members make Lewisburg Children's Museum's exciting new programs and initiatives possible.

Corporate Donors

Bimbo Bakery
 Bucknell University:
 7th Street Makerspace Studio
 BU Bison Lids for Kids
 (Management 101 course)
 Chemical Engineering Department
 Computer Science Department
 Boy Scout Troop 538
 Bull Run Tap House
 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit/TAI
 Citizens Electric
 Coles Hardware
 Creative Landscapes
 Hometown Recycling
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 Penn State Master Gardener Program
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 Weis Center for Performing Arts
 Weis Markets
 Wood-Mode, Inc.

Individual Donors

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The Jusko Family		
Paul J. Keller		
Daria Keyser		



Over 580 hours

of community service and volunteer time was
 generously provided by individuals and groups.

**Thank
 you!**

Thank you to our members!

2018 Members

The Abney Family	The Bradigan Family	The Desaulniers Family
The Adam/Blum Family	The Brady Family	The Dev Family
The Allison Family	The Bravman Family	The Diemer Family
The Altebrando Family	The Brosius Family	The Diggins Family
The Andretta Family	The Chris Brown Family	The Donegan Family
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The Bayer Family	The Colburn Family	The Fiedler Family
The Beachy Family	The Comrie Family	The Figgs-Ganter Family
The Bell-Ellersieck Family	The Confer Family	The Fornwalt Family
The Belogolovsky Family	The Conger Family	The Fowler Family
The Bender Family	The Cooke Family	The Francis Family
The Bennett Family	The Coolidge Family	The Frisco Family
The Bilger Family	The Coppenhaver Family	The Fulton Family
The Bird Family	The Cornwell Family	The Futatsuya Family
The Bixler Family	The Corona Family	The Gabauer Family
The Blackstone Family	The Crik Family	The Gallo Family
The Blain Family	The Croyle Family	The Gardner Family
The Blake Family	The Cui Family	The Garner Family
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The Boes Family	The Danielson Family	The Garza Family
The Border Family	The Datres Family	The Gazes Family
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The Gessner Family
The Gill Family
The Godshaw Family
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The Griffin Family
The Grill Family
The Groff Family
The Grozier Family
The Hackenberg Family
The Haggerty Family
The Dana Haile Family
The Kristin Haile Family
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The Irion-Frake Family
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The MacArthur Family
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The Marshall Family	The Nutting Family	The Ruckle Family
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The Brad Moyer Family	The Andy Reich Family	The Brian Smith Family
The Malachi Moyer Family	The Sonia Reich Family	The Smock Family
The Murchison Family	The Richmond Family	The Kristen Snyder Family
The Musser Family	The Kate Rogers Family	The Ryan Snyder Family
The Myers Family	The Heath Rogers Family	The Sobjak Family

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The Trio Family
The Turner Family
The Unzueta Family
The Vanaskie Family
The Venturella Family
The Vinh-Doyle Family
The Wakabayashi Family
The David Walker Family
The John Walker Family
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The Watkins Family

The Weaver Family
The Weber Family
The Weirick Family
The Welker Family
The Wert Family
The Westerbaan Family
The White Family
The Wilburn Family
The Willey Family
The Brent Williams Family
The Kristin Williams Family
The Withee Family
The Zerby Family



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Coming 2019



Through generous donations to the Museum, we have been able to provide free and reduced admission to underserved families in our community. In 2019, we will continue to grow our Count Me In fund, which

will include subsidies for admission, classes, and programming. Can we count you in to make a difference in the lives of children and families in our region? Contact us to learn how you can support this initiative.

Save the Date

Don't miss the LCM's upcoming 2019 events!

- Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 21)
- Ice Fest (Feb. 1-2)
- Engineering Week (Feb. 17-23)
- Arts Fest (Apr. 27)
- Chalk Fest (July)
- LCM Birthday Bash (Sept.)
- Wooly Worm/UnPAved (Oct. 12)
- National Chemistry Week (Oct. .23)
- Munchkins & Pumpkins (Oct. 26)
- Celebration of Light (Dec.)
- Annual Public Stakeholders Meeting (Dec. 17)
- New Year's Eve Party (Dec. 31)

