



**LEWISBURG  
CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM**

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

**PLAY  
IS RESILIENT**

# A NOTE FROM OUR LEADERS

With the outbreak of COVID-19, the Lewisburg Children's Museum took seriously its role in keeping learners of all ages safe, while providing much needed spaces and opportunities for learning, imagination, and play. From virtual events to outdoor programming, Museum staff and volunteers looked for ways that play could be safe and meaningful.

Play is a powerful part of childhood. Free play enhances a child's brain development, improves cognitive and fine motor skills, and promotes emotional intelligence and understanding.

Through play, the Lewisburg Children's Museum provides an enriching and hands-on space for kids to build the foundation that can make them successful lifelong learners. None of this would be possible without those who believe in our mission. On behalf of our entire staff and board of directors, thank you for your continued support.

Come play with us soon!

*Mary Beth Harris*

**MARY BETH HARRIS**  
Board President

*Kahla DeSmit*

**KAHLA DESMIT**  
Executive Director





# OUR MISSION

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The Lewisburg Children's Museum inspires learning, imagination and play through interactive, enriching experiences in a safe, accessible environment to all children and their families.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to nurture lifelong learning and encourage children and families to explore, create, and grow.

## OUR VALUES

"We prioritize inclusivity and access."

"We embrace our community."

"We provide high-quality, innovative experiences."

"We make the best use of our resources."



"THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO TAKE KIDS OF ALL AGES. THE STAFF IS AMAZING AND FRIENDLY. MY KIDS ALWAYS ASK TO COME HERE ON MY WEEKENDS WITH THEM. THANK YOU, STAFF!"

# MEMBERSHIPS, VISITORS, & OUTREACH

Who would have thought that when we opened four years ago that the LCM would welcome guests from all over the state and beyond? We are proud to welcome parents, grandparents, caregivers, and, of course, the kids! Likewise, we are also pleased that 10% of our guests access the Museum through our Count Me In Initiative, which provides free or reduced admission to underserved families in our communities. In the last four years, we have had...

 **73,087** general admission and member visits

 **4,501** field trip students

 **4,209** birthday guests

 **4,073** individuals at off-site community events

## WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

"THIS PLACE IS THE BEST! MY 2 YEAR OLD CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF IT! THE DISPLAYS ARE ALL SO CREATIVE: THEY EVEN GIVE ME IDEAS TO DO AT HOME WITH HIM."

"THIS HAS BEEN OUR FIRST TIME BACK SINCE PRE-COVID! SO GLAD THE ATMOSPHERE HAS NOT CHANGED A BIT! THANK YOU FOR SUCH WONDERFUL STAFF!"





# NEW EXHIBITS & FEATURES

The LCM is constantly evaluating and reimagining our exhibit spaces to provide new and unique experiences for families.

## WATER FLOW

Investigate the properties of water and how it moves. This unique exhibit was created by Bucknell University Chemical Engineering students and demonstrates complex concepts of fluid flow in visual ways.

## TREE HOUSE

The tree house's newest features take exploration to new levels. Kids can experiment with pulleys, explore the sensory walk, learn about crazy critters, and more! Additions to the treehouse were created by Bucknell University Design Realization students.

## LOOSE PARTS LAB

Loose parts play enables children to create without parameters or constructs. Children can grab a variety of materials and mediums to create unique masterpieces.



# SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

Lewisburg Community Garden  
Mauch Committee of the League of Women Voters  
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Pompeii Street Soap Co.  
Milton Public Library  
Union County 4H  
The Improved Milton Experience  
Milton MakerSpace  
The Milton Model Train Museum  
Tom Sturgis Pretzel Co.  
Ibiyinka Alao, United Nations Ambassador for the Arts  
Bucknell University Science Department  
SUMMIT Early Learning

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

StoryTime with a Bison, Bucknell University Education Majors  
Kidz in the Kitchen  
Spanish for Kids  
Parenting 101: Raising Cooperative and Confident Kids  
Mother's Day Tea  
Lego Design Challenge  
Pet Show  
Design a Snowboard Contest  
Family Game Night





# CORPORATE PARTNERS

With friends, all things are possible. We remain grateful to the many generous donors and community partners, our friends, who support the mission of the LCM.

## SPONSORS

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Siam Restaurant  
Timber Skate Shop  
The Cookie Dude  
The Scratching Post  
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**THANK YOU!**



# GRANT AWARDS

The LCM is honored to be the recipient of a number of grant opportunities. These grants enable the Museum to feature quality learning opportunities for children and families in the region, as well as support our Count Me In initiatives.



**Bucknell University Community Engagement Fund:** This fund provides funding for the Museum's accessibility initiatives, as well as our free Toddler Time and ex-STREAM Saturday programming.

**NISE: Explore Science: Earth & Space Science Toolkit:** This organization provides free STEM resources and kits to enhance informal science learning in our community.

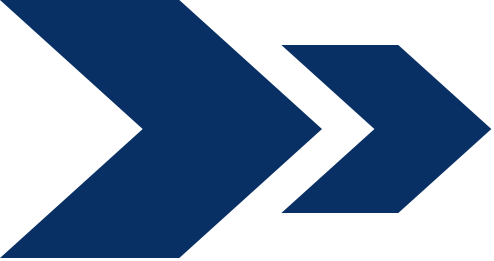
**Leap into Science Mini Grant:** A partnership with The Franklin Institute, the Museum is able to provide hands-on learning activities with an emphasis on literacy and STEM.

**Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council:** Made possible by federal funding, these organizations provided much needed operational funding to cultural non-profit organizations.

**The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation:** Generous funding from the Foundation allowed the Museum to pilot a Mobile Museum, which traveled to multiple community events over the course of the summer and engaged with over 1,000 children and their families.



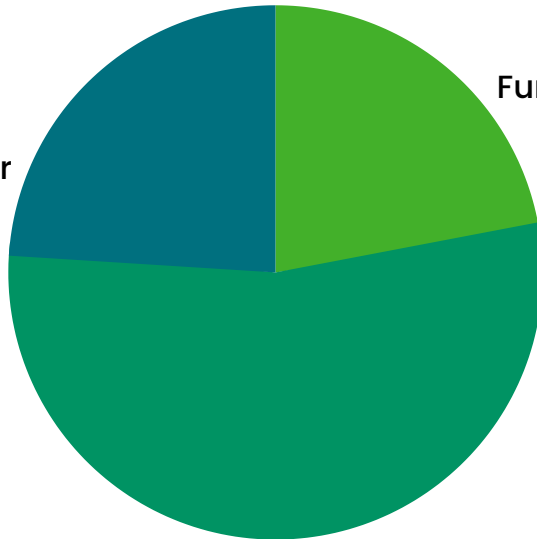




# FINANCIALS

## INCOME

Investment/Other  
24%

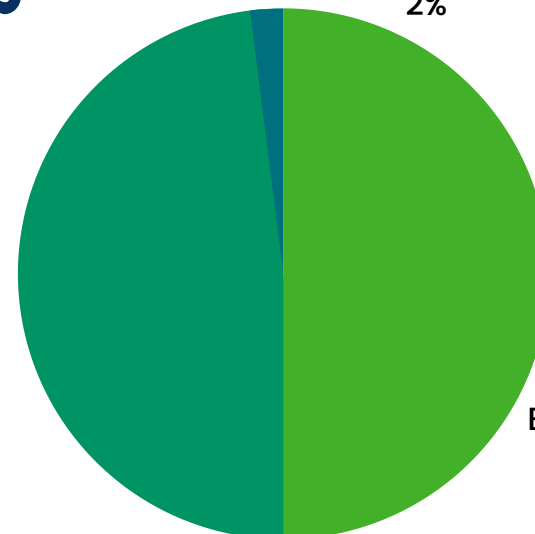


Earned Revenue  
54%



## EXPENSES

Fundraising/Marketing  
2%



Rent/Other  
Business Expenses  
48%

Exhibits/Programming  
50%

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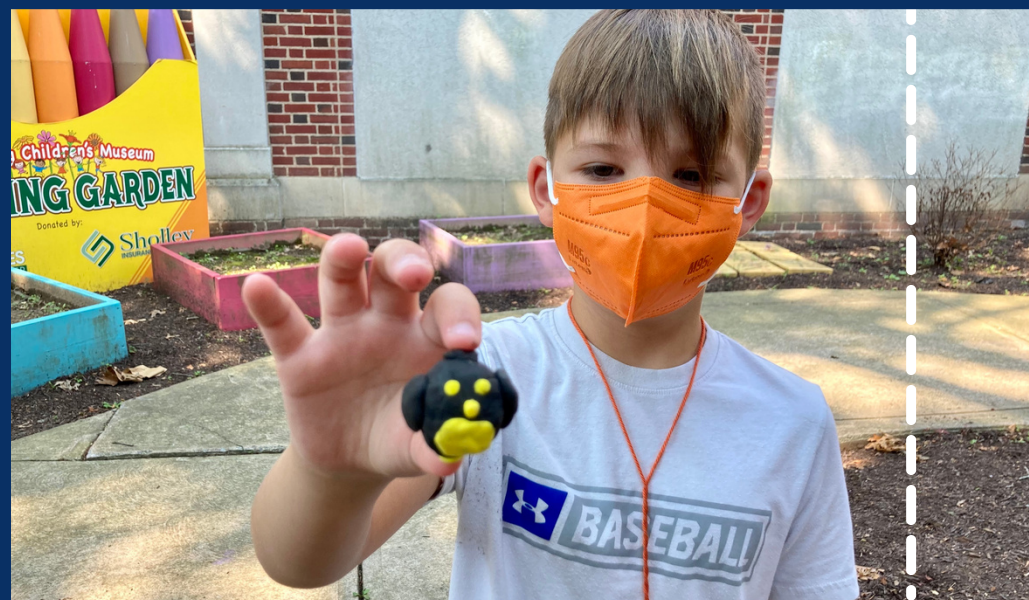
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**"THIS WAS OUR FIRST VISIT. WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED-  
VERY CLEAN, LOTS TO DO, AND THE STAFF WERE VERY  
SWEET AND SUPER KID FRIENDLY."**

## STAFF

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**"WE LOVE YOUR  
WEEKEND EVENTS:  
THEY MAKE EACH  
VISIT EXCITING AND  
INTERESTING."**



# VOLUNTEERS

The LCM acknowledges the work of our volunteers. From sanitizing to teaching, we could not do this without you!

## 584

hours of volunteer service



## \$16,667

value of volunteer service





**The Lewisburg Children's Museum provides enriching, hands-on experiences for children and families. By supporting the Museum, you are supporting the development of lifelong learners. You can help by visiting us online and making a secure, tax-deductible gift.**

**SUPPORT THE MUSEUM TODAY**



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