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Press Release

## **Congressman Zeldin Announces \$55,640 in Funding for The Children's Museum of the East End**

Patchogue, NY– Congressman Lee Zeldin (R, C – Shirley) earlier this week announced \$55,640 in funding for the Children's Museum of the East End.

The Children's Museum of the East End (CMEE), located in Bridgehampton, NY and one of the most visited museums in Eastern Long Island, seeks to spark imagination and foster learning for children of all backgrounds and abilities and to build strong connections within the East End community.

The Children's Museum of the East End will use this funding to launch the "Science Connections" program, an after school program that will be developed for children ages 5 to 9. The program will be led by bilingual museum educators and trained high school students to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs and careers for English and Spanish speaking children and their families through an interactive, cross-cultural experience.

**Congressman Zeldin** said, "I'm proud to announce that the Children's Museum of the East End will receive funding they need to implement a new program for Long Island children. The new Science Connections program will provide Long Island children with an opportunity to learn more about the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through a fun and unique approach. STEM is vital to the education of our youth and the future of our country in the 21st century; providing our communities with good paying jobs, which contribute to the growth of our economy, while increasing innovation, a necessary requirement for the United States to remain competitive in the global marketplace."

**Steve Long**, President of CMEE said "The Institute of Museum and Library Services' process for awarding grants is incredibly competitive so CMEE is thrilled to be among the recipients. In addition to providing a unique opportunity for families of all backgrounds to learn science in a playful and exciting way, this support helps CMEE realize its vision of becoming a thriving community hub where all children are immersed in learning and discovery, develop practical and social skills for a diverse world, and have the time of their lives."

The funding was secured through the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Museums for America and National Leadership Grants. This program supports museums across the country in an effort to maintain and further develop the services museums can provide.