

2024 Annual Report

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CMEE's mission is to spark imagination and foster learning for children of all backgrounds and abilities and to build strong connections within the East End community by providing playful experiences.

PLAY FOR ALL

CMEE strives every day to enrich the lives of families and strengthen the community by promoting learning through play.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping to make 2024 a truly remarkable year! Your support ensures that all families - regardless of ability, background or income - can access the Children's Museum of the East End. This year we welcomed more than 60,000 patrons, we continued to feed families through our food pantry, and provided scholarships to summer campers. Your support makes everything we do possible!

Looking ahead to 2025, CMEE will celebrate 20 years in our Bridgehampton home! We have ambitious plans to mark this milestone including a new outdoor exhibit, increased programming, and the grand re-opening of the Museum's beloved art room. We hope to see you at the Museum soon!

Liz Bard and Lara Sweeney
Co-Presidents

Birthday Besties

Did you know that a birthday party is out of reach for many local kids? For families that don't have the resources to host a party, CMEE steps in. Birthday Besties provides free parties for families who could otherwise not afford one. Your support helps us make this childhood rite of passage a reality for all kids on the East End. To sponsor a party, email jenny@cmee.org.



Inspiring Family Traditions

With events like our signature New Year's Eve Bash, Egg Hunt, Big Truck Day, ESL programs and bilingual enrichment classes, we invite families to celebrate with us time and time again. By hosting these community events, we ensure all families have access to the fun.



CMEE After Hours

Since 2015, more than 500 children have participated in CMEE's Monday Night Academy: an evening family learning program focusing on improving educational outcomes for school children. Once the Museum's doors close for the day, they reopen to welcome families for dinner, literacy and STEM tutoring and of course, free play!



Nourishing East End Children

CMEE is proud to be one of the only children's museums in the nation to run a food pantry. We know that hungry children can't learn, that's why we distributed thousands of pounds of groceries to over 6,000 people this year – with the help of our amazing volunteers.



Bringing the Power of Play to All

2024 year marked our 14 th year of proudly hosting a Head Start@CMEE. Committed to providing playful learning experiences for all children regardless of background, ability or income, CMEE is one of two Museums in the country to act as a Head Start Center.



FY 2024 Income

Admissions, Programs, and Membership	\$700,00
Special Events	\$410,000
Grants	\$258,000
Donations	\$802,000
Total Income	\$2,170,000

Operating Costs

Payroll	\$715,000
Operations	\$605,000
Mortgage Interest	\$119,000
Programming	\$275,000
Exhibit Maintenance	\$25,000
Total Expenses	\$1,739,000

40% of summer campers received scholarships

1,100 Family and Business Members

1,200 visitors living at or below the poverty line visited CMEE for free

100+ Volunteers donated their time and talent to CMEE

6,000 people served by CMEE's food pantry