

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EAST END

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PLAY CHANGES LIVES

2026 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Friends,
As we come to the end of another year at CMEE, I've been thinking about what makes this place so special.

Of course, CMEE is a place where children come to play. They climb, create, discover, imagine, and have fun. But after being here for so many years, I've come to realize that what happens at CMEE goes far beyond the exhibits.

CMEE is a place where families find their people.

It's where a new parent can walk through our doors feeling isolated and leave having made a new friend. It's where children who may not have many opportunities to explore, learn, and play can find a place that welcomes them. It's where families can access a food pantry, participate in programs, receive support, and know that they are part of a community that cares about them.

We see this every day. We meet grandparents bringing their grandchildren, parents meeting up with friends, children building confidence through our programs, and families who are facing difficult circumstances finding a safe and welcoming place at CMEE.

And that is what makes your support so meaningful.

With your help, CMEE can be a place where every child, regardless of their circumstances, can play, learn, and feel a sense of belonging. Your support helps make our programs accessible and allows us to continue responding to the needs of our community.

With appreciation,
Liz



"The Children's Museum gave me hope that there is a future waiting for us. Being surrounded by such strong, caring women made me feel safe."
— CMEE Parent & Retreat Participant

Children can't learn, grow or play if they are hungry. Last year, CMEE provided food and essential items to more than 6,500 people through our community food pantry. This year, we are on track to serve even more families across the East End.

Alongside fresh groceries, families receive the essentials that help children thrive:

- Books that inspire a love of reading
- Museum memberships that create joyful family experiences
- Toys that encourage play and learning
- Clothing and infant necessities for growing children

You can help keep our shelves, and our community, full.





2026 By the Numbers

- **75,000+** Visitors
- **6,500** People served by CMEE's food pantry
- **1,200** Family and Business Members
- **700** Visitors used their EBT card to visit the Museum for free
- **50%** of our summer campers received scholarships
- **100+** Volunteers donated their time and talent to CMEE



CMEE is more than a children's museum. It is a lifeline, a classroom, a gathering place, and a source of hope for thousands of East End families. Every day, children come to CMEE to learn through play, build confidence, spark creativity, and develop the skills they'll carry with them for life. Beyond our exhibits, we provide food assistance, educational enrichment, literacy programs, and welcoming spaces where every family belongs.

While children play, parents find support, connection, and community. Through partnerships with organizations like The Retreat, local schools, and community agencies, CMEE opens its doors to families facing some of life's greatest challenges.

FY 2026 Income

Admissions, Programs, and Memberships	$891,000
Special Events	$400,000
Grants	$198,000
Donations	$550,000
Total Income	$2,039,000

Operating Costs

Payroll	$810,000
Operations	$570,000
Mortgage Interest	$180,000
Programming	$248,000
Exhibit Maintenance	$72,000
Total Expenses	$1,880,000





"Our daughter is a more confident girl because of Danceability. There are so few places where neurodivergent children truly feel included. CMEE gave us that place." — Danceability Parent



At CMEE, every child is welcomed, celebrated, and given the opportunity to thrive. Whether through inclusive programs for children of all abilities or enrichment opportunities for newly arrived, Spanish-speaking families, CMEE removes barriers so every child can learn through play, build friendships, and gain confidence.

PROGRAMS THAT BUILD BELONGING

Danceability
These inclusive, free dance classes are where children of all abilities move, learn, and grow together in a supportive environment.

Birthday Besties
CMEE provides free birthday parties for children from families in need, ensuring that all kids can experience the joy and magic of a birthday celebration.

Monday Night Academy
Since its inception, more than 500 children and families have participated in this free program that brings families together through art, literacy, and enrichment. For newly arrived, Spanish-speaking families, it provides a welcoming community where families can develop sense of belonging in their new home.

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