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Staten Island Children's Museum Accepts Generous Donation from Staten Island Board of Realtors

June 12, 2014--Today, the Staten Island Children's Museum received a generous \$7,500 check from the Staten Island Board of Realtors and cut the ribbon to the newly refurbished exhibit House About It.

Laird Klein, President of SIBOR, presented the check to Dina Rosenthal, Staten Island Children's Museum Executive Director at a ceremony held at the Museum.

"The Staten Island Board of Realtors is committed to the community of Staten Island and in that vein; there is no community more important than one that benefits our children," explained Mr. Klein.

The framed house in the construction- themed exhibit "House about it" allows young visitors to learn all about the construction process, from start to finish. For the past 18 months, the exhibit was closed due to a green energy capital project ongoing at the Museum.

The funds were used to refurbish the frame house and to add an additional component to the exhibit—a viewing platform on the second story with floor- to- ceiling glass windows that overlook the Museum's central atrium and provide an up-close view of the beautiful cylindrical weather vane which hangs down from the new roof's wind scoop.

Additionally, a clear plexiglass floor was added to the exhibit, to show the inner workings of the construction process—plus it's very fun to walk upon!

"The Children's Museum is so grateful for the generosity of SIBOR and its members. It is extremely gratifying to see such a deep level of commitment to the children and families we serve," said Dina Rosenthal.

PHOTO: (L- R) Laird Klein, President SIBOR, Traci Cangiano, Most Recent Past President, SIBOR, Dina Rosenthal, Executive Director, SI Children's Museum, Renee Wasser, Exhibits Manager, SI Children's Museum.

The Staten Island Children's Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Gardens, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. The Museum is open Tuesday

through Friday, noon to 5 pm during the school year; 10 am to 5 pm weekends, summers and most public school holidays. For more information call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org, or visit our website, www.sichildrensmuseum.org.

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