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The Staten Island Children's Museum Community Gallery is hosting "What Can You Build with a Cardboard Box?"

The Museum's Gallery is filled with amazing structures, detailed buildings, and whimsical houses—all fashioned from cardboard by students!

Recently, the Staten Island Children's Museum partnered with The Children's Aid Society, Goodhue Center to offer a *Lights on Afterschool Event!* called "What Can You Build with a Cardboard Box?" Over 150 elementary aged children, all participants in the afterschool program at the Goodhue Center, worked collaboratively in small groups to create buildings from oversized corrugated boxes, assorted cardboard tubes and colorful tape.

The students learned that in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers/jobs, no one works alone and collaboration is the key to success. Each student had the opportunity to work as the architect, the engineer and the construction worker on their building. The program received support from the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) a national not-for-profit organization whose goal is furthering public engagement with sciences among increasingly diverse audiences.

Children's Museum educators, along with Con Edison volunteers, Goodhue staff & After-School Alliance volunteers facilitated the projects. The impressive designs are on public display in the museum's Community Gallery now through November 30.

Con Edison generously provided each child a coupon for a family of four to return to the Museum with their families. Con Edison also supports the Museum's Title One school program, which provides free family admission coupons to all Staten Island students on class trips to the Museum.

Staten Island Children's Museum, Community Gallery
1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island
Tuesday – Friday, noon to 5 p.m.
Weekends, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Now through November 30

Please check with desk, the Community Gallery may be in use for private events.

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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