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## **New Director of Education Joins the Staten Island Children's Museum**

**April 4, 2014** --The Staten Island Children's Museum is pleased to announce that Karen Jarmon has joined the staff as the Museum's new Director of Education. Ms. Jarmon replaces Addy Manipella, who has retired after 27 years of service to the Museum, the students and the education community of New York City. Prior to joining the Museum, Karen spent 4 years as Education Director at The Jewish Lens, a national non-profit educational organization.

A passionate advocate for informal, museum-based education; the seeds were planted during her childhood when she spent countless hours exploring museums and learning about nature in her native Massachusetts. During college, she was a summer intern in the Education Department at The Brooklyn Museum which inspired her career in museum education.

A longtime education leader in the field of children's museums, Karen worked at Brooklyn Children's Museum as the Teacher Services Manager and at the Children's Museum of Manhattan, as the Director of Education, among others. Karen received her BFA in Education from University of Massachusetts, and her MS in Education, with a Specialization in Museum Leadership from Bank Street College, NYC.

Karen states, "I am delighted to be joining the staff at the museum. I am excited to step into this position, whereby I can help each visitor learn and create meaning by engaging with multi-disciplinary exhibits and authentic objects."

"The Staten Island Children's Museum began its history as a destination for school groups. For the past 40 years we have been a partner with the Department of Education to provide cultural enrichment programs for all students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. We look forward to continuing this relationship and I'm confident that Karen will ensure that the Museum will make available all of our resources to our community's students, teachers and families," said Dina Rosenthal, Executive Director.

Karen and her husband are the parents of two teenaged daughters, and they reside in Brooklyn.

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](mailto:info@sichildrensmuseum.org), or visit our website, [www.sichildrensmuseum.org](http://www.sichildrensmuseum.org).

The Staten Island Children's Museum is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and its operation is made possible, in part, with public funds provided through the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs with support from the Staten Island delegation to the NYC Council and the Staten Island Borough President. Significant operating support is also provided by the NYS Council on the Arts, Corporations, Foundations, the Trustees and Members.