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Seeking Kids Who Help Others and Deserve Recognition
*Staten Island Children's Museum accepting nominations for
annual "Kid of Achievement" Award*

September 27, 2018—Do you know a “Kid of Achievement?”

The Staten Island Children's Museum's [Circle of Friends Business Luncheon](#), now in its 27th year, recognizes people and organizations that have significantly contributed to the lives of Staten Island's children. At the Luncheon, the Children's Museum honors a “Kid of Achievement,” and is seeking nominations from the public as part of the selection process for 2018.

Who's eligible to be nominated?

Children and teens up to age 17 who are involved in volunteerism, have overcome obstacles and challenges to help others, and who display leadership qualities are what the “Kid of Achievement” award is all about.

Last year, the Children's Museum honored two “Kids of Achievement:” **Bridget Helbock**, a Notre Dame Academy student and **Sophia Mostovoy**, a student from Staten Island Academy. Bridget was recognized for her commitment to community service activities throughout her high school years, notably volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Appalachia in Tobbins TN, where she helped renovate homes for needy families. Sophia was honored for her passionate advocacy for individuals who have autism spectrum disorders. She has organized student groups from her school to volunteer at the annual Autism Speaks Walk in Staten Island. Sophia has also volunteered at the Center for Discovery, an organization in New York State that serves children who have disabilities, including autism.

Submitting “Kid of Achievement” Nominations

The public is invited to send their recommendations to the Children's Museum no later than **Friday, October 12**. The [Nomination Form is available online](#) and should include

the nominee's name, contact information and a brief description of their accomplishments. Entries may be submitted:

- **By mail:** Attn: Jennifer Dudley, Staten Island Children's Museum, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island NY 10301
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After a Committee review, the honoree will be selected and announced at the Circle of Friends Business Luncheon on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

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's hours for September – June are Tuesday– Friday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For more information, call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org, or visit sichildrensmuseum.org.

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