



Dear community partner:

The mission of EverWonder Children's Museum is to cultivate a lifelong love of learning in children by encouraging them to think, inquire, and wonder about the world around them. We encourage curiosity and wonder through interactive, hands-on exhibits and programming that spark imagination in the fields of *science, technology, engineering, art, and math*. We aim to make STEAM education accessible and engaging to all children, fostering an environment where imagination meets innovation.

Since forming in 2011, we've witnessed remarkable growth, not just in numbers, but in the impact we've had on young minds. From our pre-pandemic peak to the present, our membership has risen by an incredible 240%, with visitation numbers doubling from 25,000 to 50,000 annually. Even before our move, EverWonder was the only CT children's museum to have enjoyed growth in 2023, post-pandemic. This growth proves the pivotal role we play in our community. In late June 2023, EverWonder moved into an 11,000-square-foot home in the heart of Newtown. With a lease-to-own agreement, we are in the enviable position to *double* our net usable space to 21,000 square feet, enhance our programs, and reach even more young minds.

To realize this vision and transition a popular local museum to a landmark destination drawing across the region, the state, and beyond, EverWonder is seeking your financial support. We hope to purchase our building, expand our exhibits and programming, and become a destination for even more visitors. Additionally, *new and expanded gifts will be doubled in 2024* through a matching grant and we encourage you to play a key role in our journey now with an annual sponsorship.

By supporting EverWonder, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, you will make a lasting impact on children's development by investing in innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship. As a token of our gratitude, Honorary, Platinum, and Gold sponsors will be recognized with a personalized 'Brick' on the museum's permanent donor wall - an endearing tribute to your support and generosity.

For details on sponsorship levels and how to make your donation, please refer to the attached document. Your support can foster a world of wonder and experiences for countless children and future leaders in our community. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this opportunity to make a significant difference. Should you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me either via phone or email at mchristos@everwondermuseum.org. Together we can build a future full of wonder.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meredith Christos", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Executive Director, EverWonder Children's Museum