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## FACT SHEET

Bronx Children's Museum (Museum or BxCM) seeks to inspire children from infancy to nine years of age and their families/caregivers to learn about themselves within the diversity and richness of their surroundings and the world beyond and to become caregivers of the planet. The Museum provides highly effective and innovative inquiry-based educational programs and exhibits to children and families throughout the Bronx. Founded in 2005, it is one of a few cultural institutions in the Bronx geared toward families with children families, especially those who cannot afford—or would not normally visit—a museum.

The Bronx is almost the size of Philadelphia, has 250,000 children under the age of nine, and is the only borough in New York City without an educational and cultural facility geared to young children and their caregivers. To provide the Bronx's children with an interactive place to learn and play, BxCM, with the City, is developing 13,000 square feet of space in a City-owned former powerhouse. Construction began July 2017, in anticipation of a grand opening at the end of 2019.

Currently a "museum without walls," BxCM already sees 16,000 Bronx residents annually. Through innovative mobile programming, BxCM engages children and adults in hands-on arts and science (STEAM) experiences and programs throughout the borough at community-based organizations, schools, shelters, libraries, parks and festivals. Using a purple bus as a roving learning environment and its complimentary suitcase exhibits and curriculum, the Museum visited 31 schools and was a key attraction at 28 fairs and festivals in 2016. The Museum also has six ongoing in-school and after-school programs and one summer arts enrichment program called Dream Big. In addition, BxCM offers two ongoing family arts programming specifically geared to residents living at Mitchel Houses in Mott Haven and organizations serving new immigrant populations. All programs are tailored to its constituency and strive to create stronger families, stronger communities, and a better city for all of us.

The Museum's new facility is located on public parkland just steps away from Yankee Stadium on the Harlem River in the South Bronx. The facility will serve nearly 75,000 children each year and will feature:

- Bright, open theme-based areas (e.g., science, arts/culture and the early learner)
- Age-appropriate permanent and temporary interactive activities exploring the arts, culture, community, natural resources, greening, energy and the richness of the Bronx
- Flexible studio space for community gatherings, meetings and birthdays
- Offices for BxCM educators and administration

To date, BxCM has secured almost \$11 million in New York City funding and \$4 million from the State Assembly for bricks-and-mortar funding to develop and open the facility. BxCM has an interactive exhibit activity budget of \$4 million. Approximately \$2 million remains to be raised for the exhibits, Furniture Fixtures and Equipment, and an opening/reserve fund. In total, the Museum has approximately 90% of the funds and in-kind support to open its doors.

Funding secured/pledged to date (in alphabetical order):

- Louis and Anne Abrons Foundation
- Richard and Iris Abrons Foundation
- Achelis and Bodman Foundation
- Altman Foundation
- Barker Welfare Foundation
- Bay and Paul Foundations
- Booth Ferris Foundation
- City of New York
  - Bronx Borough President's Office
  - City Council Speaker & Council
  - Department of Cultural Affairs
- Rafael Collado
- Con Edison
- Federal Empowerment Zone
- Ford Foundation
- Goldin Family
- Gottesman Fund
- Hearst Foundations
- Hyde & Watson Foundation
- Jockey Hollow Foundation
- Sandra P. and Frederick R. Rose Foundation
- SaraVentures Foundation
- Lois and Arthur Stainman Foundation
- State of New York
- Verizon Foundation