



2018 Community Leader Arts/Culture Award



Explore and More Children's Museum

Explore & More Children's Museum is this region's leading hands-on, play based learning center for youngsters. Founded in 1997 by a small group of dedicated parents, educators, and toy designers, the museum has grown in size and scope and now hosts over 60,000 diverse children and their families annually. With nationally recognized and award-winning programs and exhibits, Explore & More has become an important asset to the well-being of children and families in Western New York. Going above and beyond, the Museum offers assistance with transportation and admission for children in Title I schools.

While currently located in East Aurora, Explore and More was among the first cultural organizations to offer programming at Canal Side. As recognition of their successes grew, so, too did their need for a new, more modern, more centrally located space. Today, development is underway for their new waterfront building, which will serve as a year-round draw for residents and tourists that will ignite children's imagination, economic development, and community partnerships.

For its work to be a resource for all students, and for its efforts to help revitalize our downtown area, the NFJC is proud to recognize Explore & More Children's Museum with the 2018 Community Leader Award in Arts and Culture. Accepting this award is Tina Zinter-Chahin, Interim CEO.



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