**Bloomsburg Children’s Museum Receives Full Funding from Four Regional Youth in Philanthropy Chapters**

**Bloomsburg, PA** – The Bloomsburg Children’s Museum is proud to announce that it has received **$2100 in grant funding from four regional Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) chapters**—**Berwick, Benton, Central Columbia, and Millville**—to support several new and returning youth-focused programs for the 2025–2026 year.

These grants, awarded by local high school students serving as YIP leaders through the **Community Giving Foundation**, provide critical resources to expand access, inclusion, and enrichment opportunities for area children and teens.

“We are deeply honored and inspired by the generosity and leadership shown by these student grantmakers,” said **Dr. Ginny Weibel**, Executive Director of the Bloomsburg Children’s Museum. “Their support allows us to meet real needs in our community—especially for youth facing financial, social, or emotional barriers.”

**Funded Projects Include:**

* **Berwick YIP**: Funding will support **monthly educational programs** at the **Berwick Teen Center** and the **“How Did You Make That?” summer camp**, which provides local teens with hands-on experiences in manufacturing, design, and engineering.
* **Benton YIP**: Grant funding will underwrite summer programming at the **Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center**, including a **ceramics residency and mobile STEM lab experience**, ensuring that students in rural areas have access to high-quality creative and technical education.
* **Central Columbia YIP**: Support will fund the Museum’s quarterly **All Ability Nights**, which create **low-sensory, inclusive environments** for children with autism and other sensory processing differences to explore the museum safely and joyfully.
* **Millville YIP**: This funding will allow the Museum to partner again with **Millville Elementary School** to provide a **Secret Santa gift-making experience** for students who cannot afford to shop and will sponsor a **school spirit poster contest**, with the winning class receiving an **after-hours celebration at the Museum**.

“These grants are more than funding—they are a reflection of the values and empathy of local students,” Weibel added. “We’re not only building programs—we’re building a culture of community and youth empowerment.”

Ainsley Grigas, Benton YIP member adds, "I believe the Bloomsburg Children's Museum project is truly worthy of funding because it's more than just a building; it's a vibrant hub of learning and discovery for our community's children. The museum fills a critical need by providing hands-on, interactive exhibits that spark curiosity and foster a love of learning from a young age. I feel this project will have a profound impact on our community by nurturing the next generation of thinkers, innovators, and leaders."

The Museum extends its sincere gratitude to the **Community Giving Foundation**, the **Youth in Philanthropy Program**, and the passionate **student philanthropists** who continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of their peers.

For more information on these programs or to learn how to get involved, visit [www.the-childrens-museum.org](https://www.the-childrens-museum.org/) or contact Dr. Weibel at [ginnyw@the-childrens-museum.org](mailto:ginnyw@the-childrens-museum.org).