



CMEE at a Glance

OUR MISSION

To enrich the lives of children and families and strengthen the East End community by promoting learning through play.

OUR COMMUNITY

The East End of Long Island is one of the most diverse communities in America. Great wealth exists alongside great privation. With 1 out of 6 children living in poverty, the East End's year-round communities are among the poorest on Long Island. The area has a higher percentage of immigrants than Suffolk County as a whole. According to the 2000 census, Spanish-speaking immigrants composed over 15% of the year-round population, which was 50% more than their percentage of the population of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Last year, the percentage of Latino students in East End primary schools exceeded 30%.

OUR HISTORY

CMEE's founders believed the East End was in critical need of an educational resource serving families of all backgrounds. Beginning in 2000, CMEE offered multi-disciplinary classes and workshops at several locations across the East End. The response was overwhelming and CMEE opened its permanent home in Bridgehampton, New York in October 2005.

OUR VISITORS

- Over 45,000 visitors each year who hail from 36 of the 50 states across the country.
- 1,400+ Members who average one visit each month.
- Almost 3,500 school children participating in CMEE programs every year.
- Over 100 East End children who receive scholarships to visit CMEE and participate in its classes and workshops free of charge.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

CMEE regularly collaborates with social service agencies and other community organizations to help serve the needs of families in the East End. In the past year, some of CMEE's partners include the **Bridgehampton Historical Society**, the **Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreation Center**, **Literacy Suffolk**, **Long Island Head Start**, **The Retreat**, which provides support for victims of domestic abuse, and the **Special Needs PTA of the East End**.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Permanent Gallery: 3,600 square feet

Interactive exhibits focus on what makes the East End a special place, emphasizing its people, flora, and fauna. Themes include agriculture, fishing, world celebrations, and community. Designed in collaboration with Lee Skolnick Design + Partnership.

Temporary Exhibition Gallery: 1,125 square feet

CMEE installs temporary exhibits specifically intended to meet the needs of families in the East End. Past exhibits include: *CMEE in My Community*, which featured local community organizations like the Animal Rescue Fund and the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation; and *En Mi Familia*, a bilingual exhibit intended to increase awareness of Mexican-American cultural traditions through the art of Carmen Lomas Garza. To help make math less intimidating to children in grades K-5, CMEE hosted *Fun 2, 3, 4*, which was designed to show how math is used in everyday life. Currently, CMEE is presenting *Fun to be Fit*, which encourages children to keep fit and healthy.

Outdoor Amphitheater

From April to October, CMEE hosts a series of performances from puppet shows to musical performances to theater productions by local students in its 300-seat amphitheater.

Classes and Workshops

Throughout the year, CMEE offers programs for children ages 2 to 7 to develop and express their creativity. Recent classes included *Roots and Shoots*, which taught kids about sustainable agriculture and gardening; *Kids in the Kitchen*, a cooking skills class; and *Fly with Me*, where children learned about the East End as a cradle of aviation.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

- Programs and Exhibit Tours meet New York State Learning Standards.
- Pre and post-visit materials and activities for teachers to use in their classrooms.
- Exhibit materials and lesson plans available to teachers via offsite visits and CMEE's website.

BUDGET

Annual Budget - \$1 million

Revenue Sources:

- Earned income: (33%) admissions, memberships, programs, rentals
- Unearned income: (67%) Contributions, fundraising events, grants, and corporate support.

STAFF

- FULL-TIME STAFF: 5
- PART-TIME STAFF: 6
- VOLUNTEERS: 21