



October 21, 2025

**Hands-On House Children's Museum of Lancaster
Now Approved for EITC Contributions!**

Dear Community Partner,

Your company's participation in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program is a sign of its commitment to ensuring that all children get the educational enrichment they need to thrive.

At the Children's Museum of Lancaster (DBA Hands-On House), we share this commitment, providing vital programming and a rare "third space" for early childhood learning through our exhibits, classes/workshops, and Discovery-to-Go outreach programs.

With recent approval as an Education Improvement Organization (EIO) under the EITC program, we are seizing the opportunity to expand this programming in the current '25-'26 school year, particularly to more children in low educational enrichment areas and from underserved communities. This is not a luxury. Research has shown that third grade achievement is higher among children that have museum experiences in early childhood -- with the greatest benefit received by children with the fewest resources.

As you close out your 2025 giving and begin planning for 2026, please consider partnering with us as we begin our 2025-2026 programming. Your contribution now is an investment in the future of our museum, its programs, and the thousands of children we serve every year.

Thank you for supporting education in our communities. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Ackerman
Executive Director

EIN: 23-2434311

Our Mission: Foster the intellectual, social, and emotional development of young children through exhibits and experiences that empower them to connect, create, and learn through immersive, independent, and purposeful play.

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To Rebecca Ackerman <Rebecca.Ackerman@handsonhouse.org>

Rebecca – Children's Museum of Lancaster d/b/a Hands-On House has been approved as an Educational Improvement Organization (**EIO**) under the EITC program for calendar year 2025 effective immediately.

Let this email serve as the organization's approved status until the DCED website is updated.

The organization can renew their eligibility for Calendar Year 2026 beginning November 1st, 2025.

Thanks.



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