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R&L CONSULTING CLIENT RECEIVES NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDERS AWARD FROM BANK OF AMERICA \$200,000 GRANT TO LONG ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AS PART OF NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

R&L Consulting is pleased to announce that one of its clients, the Long Island Children's Museum (LICM), has been named a recipient of the **2010 Long Island Neighborhood Builders Award** presented annually by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. Given to non-profit organizations providing critical services across the nation, the award includes **\$200,000 in unrestricted funding** to extend the depth and reach of the Museum's programs to Long Island's most vulnerable children and families. LICM is one of only two organizations on Long Island to receive this award.

"Recipients of the Neighborhood Builders Award represent the finest community resources in the country and we are proud that the Children's Museum has earned this distinction," said Suzanne LeBlanc, Executive Director of the Long Island Children's Museum.

"R&L Consulting helped us develop an application package which communicated the critical impact the Museum's programs are having on our community. I couldn't be more satisfied with the quality of their work and their ability to effectively describe the essence of our programs."

R&L Consulting is a consulting firm that specializes in working with museums. Its principals have over 50 years of combined experience working with museums and non-profit organizations. With a roster of **nationally acclaimed** clients, R&L Consulting provides specialized services in grant writing, education & exhibition projects, strategic planning & evaluation.

R&L Consulting has a successful track record of securing funding for its clients from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, state arts and humanities councils, and many other government, corporate and private foundation sources.

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For more information about Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders awards, visit:
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Alan J. Lipsky is a museum and fundraising professional with 28 years of experience. He holds a B.A. Cum Laude, in American History from Brooklyn College. Previously, he was the Development Director at the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana, the Director of Development at the Lied Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Grants Officer at the Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and Executive Director of the Wyckoff House Museum, both in New York City. He also has served as Director of Development for Aid for AIDS of Nevada, and worked as a consultant to several New York, Las Vegas and Montana cultural and nonprofit organizations.