



# The Scoop

KidsPlay's Donor Newsletter  
Spring 2024 mini-issue  
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## Spring Mingle: Celebrating your Generosity

You are cordially invited to KidsPlay's Spring Open House on  
**April 24 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

As one of our valued supporters, you're exclusively invited to join us for an evening of good refreshments and great company as we preview the Hub@KidsPlay and prototypes of interactive exhibits that will soon fill the new gallery.

**These innovative spaces represent the next chapter in our work to support local families and inspire the next generation of thinkers and creators. We could not have made this possible without your unwavering support.**

We'd love to have you celebrate with us. For more information about the event and to RSVP, please contact [development@kidsplaymuseum.org](mailto:development@kidsplaymuseum.org).

## Board Transition

KidsPlay is proud to welcome three new board members, **Ruth Nadeau Dwyer, Sara Kroscen, and Robin Ledversis**. These new board members will bring new leadership and fresh perspectives to further the Museum's mission.

The outgoing board members, including **Mary Guilfoile, Holly Hunt, and Carol Quartiero**, have provided invaluable leadership and guidance during the Museum's founding years. The museum recognizes their dedicated service and significant contributions to its success. As the Museum continues to evolve and thrive, the legacy of these outgoing board members will endure.

## Save the Date

- April 24 - 25: Giving Event
- April 24: Spring Mingle
- May: Speakeasy Night Fundraiser
- July: Brewery Night Fundraiser
- August 30: Little House Event
- October: Vineyard Bus Tour Fundraiser
- October 12: KidsPlay After Dark: 21+ Party!

*Read More about these amazing women who share their time and talent with KidsPlay!*



## Board of Directors

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|---|--------------------------|
| Brian McCormick*<br><i>President</i>    | Marc Borghesi            |
| Cheryl Kloczko<br><i>Vice President</i> | Ruth Nadeau Dwyer        |
| Cathleen Schmitz*<br><i>Secretary</i>   | Stuart Grodin*           |
| Sara Kroscen<br><i>Treasurer</i>        | Robin Ledversis          |
| Ken Merz*<br><i>Past President</i>      | John Martin*             |
|   | Carmen Neale             |
|   | Brad Oneglia             |
|   | <i>*Founding Members</i> |



## Advocates

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| Mickie-Ann Budny | Elaine Murphy       |
| Anne Green       | Pascale Nejaime     |
| Mary Guilfoile   | Marilyn Plaskiewicz |
| Joel Hernandez   | Carol Quartiero     |
| Holly Hunt       | JoAnn Ryan          |
| Lynn McCormick   | Matthew Terzian     |
| Susan McCray     | Keith Woolford      |
| Karen Zeiner     |                     |

# Staff Spotlight: Kristin Ercoli, Hub Manager

When Kristin Ercoli first saw that KidsPlay was hiring a Hub Manager, she knew she had to apply. **"It was basically my dream job,"** she says, recalling her excitement at the possibility of being a critical player in KidsPlay's new initiative, The Hub@KidsPlay\*.



As a longtime KidsPlay member, Kristin discovered and often visited the Community Family Learning Center (CFLC) Resource Library, a collaborative project between KidsPlay and Torrington Public Schools since 2016.

**"The CFLC introduced me to programs and resources that benefited my children,"** she says. Kristin began volunteering and later working in the resource library. **"I really enjoyed being able to introduce others to programs that I have had positive experiences with."**



As the Hub Manager, Kristin sees her new role as a way to meaningfully connect families with resources that will positively impact their well-being and outcomes for their children. **"Many parents don't even know that help exists for them, and they're struggling when they don't need to be. Taking care of children is hard enough, and anything we can do to help them find support is really important."**



Kristin is poised to build collaborations that will bridge the gap between families and the resources they need to thrive. Thank you, Kristin!

## Program Spotlight: \*The Hub@KidsPlay

The Hub@KidsPlay is a **new space** within the Museum's 57 Main Street expansion **and a program initiative**. The Hub provides a larger, more prominent location for the CFLC Resource Library and a new community program room. As a program initiative, it builds upon the museum's partnerships with Torrington Public Schools, and other early childhood stakeholders **to improve access to a wide range of services, support, and information for families**.

*A Museum for America grant through the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) makes KidsPlay's Hub@KidsPlay initiative possible.*

## Ways to Give: Give Local

**Give Local is April 24 - 25, 2024!**

KidsPlay is raising money to support the Community Fund, which provides free and reduced-price admissions and memberships to families facing challenging circumstances.

Give Local, organized by the Connecticut Community Foundation, is a **great opportunity to support KidsPlay** - especially because the impact of your gift is maximized thanks to bonus funds, matches, and challenges!



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