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Comedian and actor Dane Cook served as emcee of Zimmer Children's Museum's 12th Annual Discovery Award Dinner on Thursday evening, Nov. 8, at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The Zimmer museum is growing quickly

By *Valerie Milano*

Los Angeles, CA (*Hollywood Today*) 11/12/12 – As if preparing the future for children to adjust to the etiquette of peaceful living wasn't enough, Esther Netter C.E.O. of the Zimmer Museum, really topped herself with an evening of laughs, donations, auction items and much more to be desired. Dane Cook, the evenings emcee was pretty hilarious.

According to their web site, The **Zimmer Children's Museum** is a non-profit cultural institution located on Museum Row in Los Angeles, and features hands-on exhibits for children 0-8 to explore BIG IDEAS in creative and inspiring settings. The Zimmer is also the only museum dedicated specifically to kids and families in Los Angeles.

DISCOVERY AWARD DINNER

The Discovery Award is presented annually to extraordinary individuals who are leaders in their fields and communities. This year, on November 8th, Deborah Klein & Mort Marcus, Carrie Lieberman, and Sharon Sacks were all honored.

The Zimmer museum is growing quickly. Who would have thought, other than Esther Netter whose brainchild and passion of love this has been, that the physical space they are now in is getting smaller and smaller. The museum and its programs are both making their mark fast through transcending what started as a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, to supporting over children of all backgrounds.

The night's event was filled with museum donors, the board of advisors, the president's advisory board, the women's leadership council, and many supporters who wanted nothing less than the museum to continue to thrive, it has.

It took very little time for the attendees to see the value in the museum, when 2 young beneficiaries of the "YouTHink" program stood before approximately 300 attendees and delivered their speeches of appreciation. They were well spoken and the young cute boy who shared his heartfelt feelings elaborated on how he was so blessed with all the gifts he receives from the "YouTHink" program. He asked with such comfort if it was okay to be nervous. He also mentioned how the "YouTHink" program has helped him deal with his occasional fearful or angry feelings which he said his friends would bottle up. He made it clear that he has learned that bottling up his feelings would only lead to outbursts that were not healthy. One very smart young fellow indeed. Through art and education programs in school and community settings, **youTHink** utilizes the power of art to foster youth's critical thinking about contemporary issues and empowers them to make a difference in their communities or in the world.

Let it be known that the world is a better place, simply because a compassionate and loving human being makes it a duty and obligation to go out of her way to teach children what values there are in the art of sharing thoughts, communicating and clarifying relationship responsibilities! Esther Netter, what a woman with a passion! One of her advisors, listed in the evening's program as one of the president's advisors, Barbara Lazaroff, (restaurateur and interior designer) could not say enough great things about her dear friend. One thing she made clear was that she knows Esther to be a "very smart woman who and knows how to get things done. She cares about the children and is among the most wonderful human beings you will ever meet."

To learn about the staff at the Zimmer Museum and donate, go to http://www.zimmermuseum.org/contact_us.html.

More information can be found on <http://www.zimmermuseum.org>.

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