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HONEYBEES BUZZING AGAIN AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER *Gift from the Stickney Family Creates New Beehive Exhibit at Bay Village Non-profit Center*

Bay Village, Ohio --- The honeybees have arrived at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center! One of nature's live "honey factories" is now on display in the main Exhibit Hallway at the Bay Village Center, thanks to a generous contribution from the Stickney family.

With funding in place, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Wildlife Specialist Derek Skapes spearheaded the beehive effort, enlisting local Beekeeper Scott Danniger to supply workers, drones and a single queen. Visitors should look for the shiny greenish paint dot marking on her back identify her from among the hundreds of bees in the hive.

Scott Danniger and his assistant/son, Ethan, donned the familiar beekeeper's protective headgear, calmed the bees with smoke, and then lifted the insect-covered frames into our newly constructed display in late May. A group of lucky Log Cabin Explorer's got to witness the transfer process through our front door windows.

A small clear tube connects the hive to the outdoors, where the workers can gather nectar to create the honey. Honeybees are one of humans' most valuable insects; not only for the honey and beeswax they produce but even more so for the way they pollinate our plants and crops. A large honeybee population can quadruple the growth of a field!

The Stickney's gift also funded a colorful display full of fun facts right by the hive so you can learn more about these fascinating creatures. Buzz by to explore the hive during normal Center operating hours, seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a donor-funded non-profit organization dedicated to nature and science education. The Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road. Call 440-871-2900 or log on to www.lensc.org for more information.