Armstrong museum expansion breaks ground

IT'S AN EVEN more wonderful world in Queens now.

The Louis Armstrong House Museum in Queens broke ground Monday on a \$23 million expansion Monday.

The planned education center is right across the street from Armstrong's small historic home on 107th St. in Corona.

The New Orleans-born trumpeter



and singer died at age 69 in 1971, but his old home was turned into a museum and has become a popular attrac-

tion.

"Having the new building will allow us to present a whole array of programs and services that we just can't do now," said the museum's executive director, Michael Cogswell.

The landmark site is owned by the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and is run by Queens College.

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