



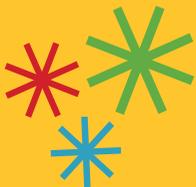
2019 Annual Report

 **DISCOVERY** 
MUSEUM
 science. nature. play.

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Dear Friend of the Museum,

Each year, we present in this letter a short message acknowledging the year's successes at Discovery Museum. Certainly, the last four years—beginning with the opening of Discovery Woods and culminating in a tremendously successful first two years in our new museum building—have been without equal for this organization.

Are we delivering important, attitude-changing STEM experiences to more children, more families, every single year? Yes.

Do we serve more of them for free or significantly reduced cost annually? Yes.

Are we getting more and more kids outside to play, in nature, and encouraging them to become advocates for nature? Yes.

These are the highlights, but the real story of Discovery Museum is the earnest development and testing of exhibits and programs; passionate delivery of classroom and field trip curricula; energetic partnership with our communities; national conference and seminar presentations before our peers; daily sunrise-to-sunset maintenance of our buildings and grounds; welcoming and helpful faces in our galleries, making every experience here safe and fun; and so much more.



CEO Neil Gordon and Board Chair Bill Ryan

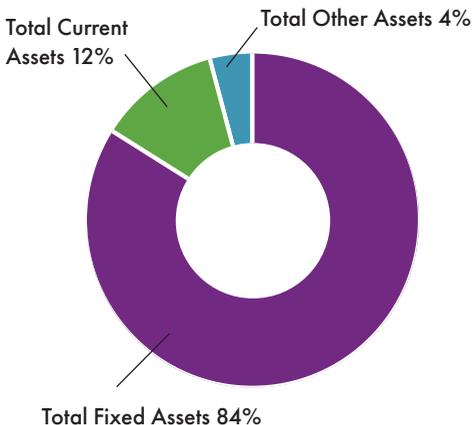
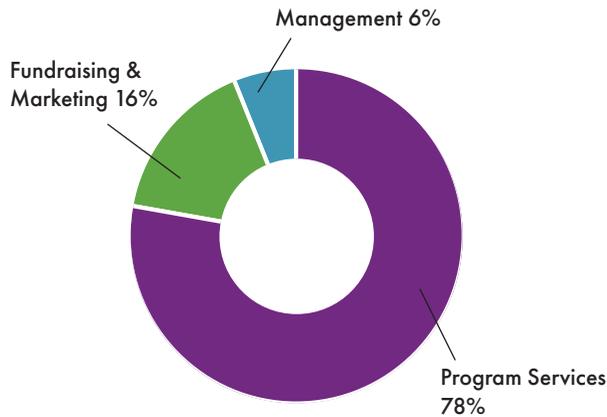
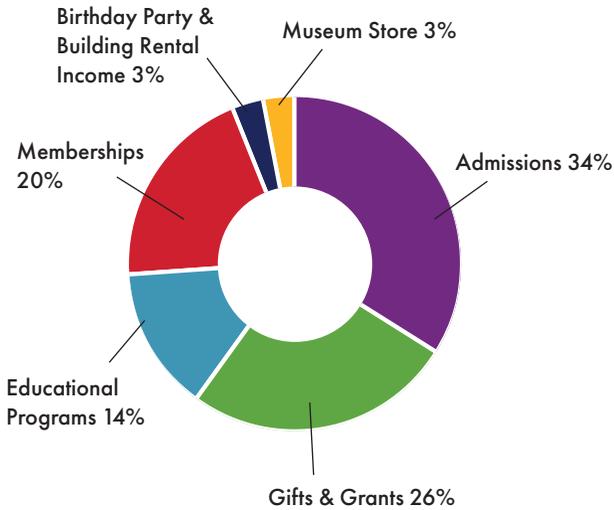
At the heart of the Discovery Museum are our talented and dedicated staff and more than 300 remarkable and loyal volunteers. It's the ecosystem that makes everything happen here: staff and volunteers create a really special educational experience, which excites our visitors and schools, and in turn inspires donors to invest from the heart in both our daily work and our bold, new ideas.

And so, we salute and thank our Discovery Museum team, without which we could not set the sights of this organization so high or take the important risks that stand to benefit our communities the most.

Neil H. Gordon, CEO

Bill Ryan, Chair, Board of Directors

2019 By the Numbers *Preliminary unaudited results*



FY2019 Operating Support & Revenue

Admissions	\$945,183
Gifts & Grants	\$727,366
Educational Programs	\$383,249
Memberships	\$563,539
Birthday Party/ Building Rental Income	\$91,772
Museum Store	\$77,147
Miscellaneous Income	\$10,354
Total	\$2,798,610

FY2019 Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$2,060,470
Management & General	\$171,330
Fundraising & Marketing	\$409,810
Total	\$2,641,610

FY2019 Total Liabilities & Assets

Total Current Assets	\$1,105,800
Total Fixed Assets	\$7,646,200
Total Other Assets	\$323,500
Total Assets	\$9,075,500
Total Liabilities	\$540,000
2019 Total Net Assets	\$8,535,500



“Playing is so important to our children’s development. Exploring helps open new doors for them. Having both happen in an accessible manner is incredible.” –Erika Kaftan, parent and teacher

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Served 237,554 people in 2019, a 3% increase over the prior year.

Brought 1,854 hands-on STEM workshops to 38,350 pre-K through 8th graders in their classrooms through our Traveling Science Workshops program; 12% of these were grant funded.

Served 51,024 people for free or nearly free, 22% of the total served; 7,037 of those visited for \$1 each through the EBT Card to Culture program, a 27% increase.

10,874 students and their teachers visited on a class Field Trip; 18% were grant funded.

More than 300 volunteers donated nearly 5,251 hours of their time to the Museum in 2019.

Discovery Museum was designated an Autism-Welcoming Business by the Autism Alliance.



Offered more than 300 staff-led, child-directed, hands-on science, engineering, nature, and art-based activities for all ages.

Created an all-new exhibit, *Caterpillars, Life on the Leaf Edge*, offered in conjunction with The Caterpillar Lab, and brought in our first traveling exhibit, *Velocity!*

Ended 2019 with 4,922 member families, the most in our history and an 18% increase from 2018.

Provided professional development to two cohorts of Science & Engineering Communications Fellows, who offered their expertise to our visitors during free admission Friday nights.

Re-developed our Learning Framework, funded by a grant from Sudbury Foundation.

Welcomed 310 Kindergarteners-to-be and their families through our partnership with Countdown to Kindergarten.

Completed a facilities review and adopted the 2019 Facility Master Plan, funded by 3M and the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund.

Won Gold, Best Museum, 2019 Wick-ed Local Reader's Choice Awards, and "Best of the Best" 2019 Boston Parents Paper Family Favorites Award.

Installed a 2-vehicle EV charging station, funded by Eversource, the first step in a plan to become a 100% solar electric museum.

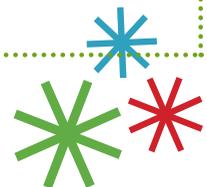
Received a \$15,000 grant from National Grid to provide free Traveling Science Workshops and Field Trips for up to 1,000 students in Lowell and Lawrence.

Secured the 10th year of significant support for Traveling Science Workshops from MathWorks.

Donated nearly \$39,000 worth of free admission passes and memberships to 605 other nonprofit organizations for their fundraisers, an 8% increase over 2018.

Served 2,072 people with a family member with a disability for free at an Especially for Me event.

Cultivated nearly 800 registrants for four events in our free and open-to-the-public 2019 Discovery Museum Speaker Series.





We gratefully acknowledge the individuals, corporations, foundations, organizations, and government agencies whose generosity and goodwill provided critical support for Discovery Museum in 2019. It is a special honor to recognize those who have shown their loyalty to the museum by giving for many years consecutively (see Key).

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\$25,000 and above

Jeffrey and Janet Glidden +
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\$10,000-\$24,999

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Fitchburg Cultural Council
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Howard and Carol Gordon



2019 Discovery Museum Speaker Series

**"Won't You Be
My Neighbor?"**
a special movie
screening of the Fred
Rogers documentary

**Junlei Li, Saul
Zaentz** Senior
Lecturer at Harvard
Graduate School
of Education and
former Director of
the Fred Rogers
Center for Early
Learning and Chil-
dren's Media: *The
Simple Interactions
of Everyday Helpers*

**Dr. Anthony Rao,
Ph.D.,** Founder,
Behavioral Solutions:
The Power of Agency

**Takao Hensch,
Ph.D.,** Joint
Professor of
Neurology, Harvard
Medical School at
Boston Children's
Hospital, and Profes-
sor of Molecular and
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Harvard's Center for
Brain Science: *Power
of the Baby Brain*

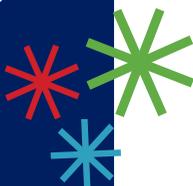
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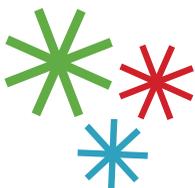
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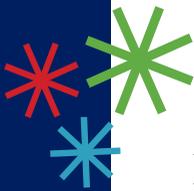
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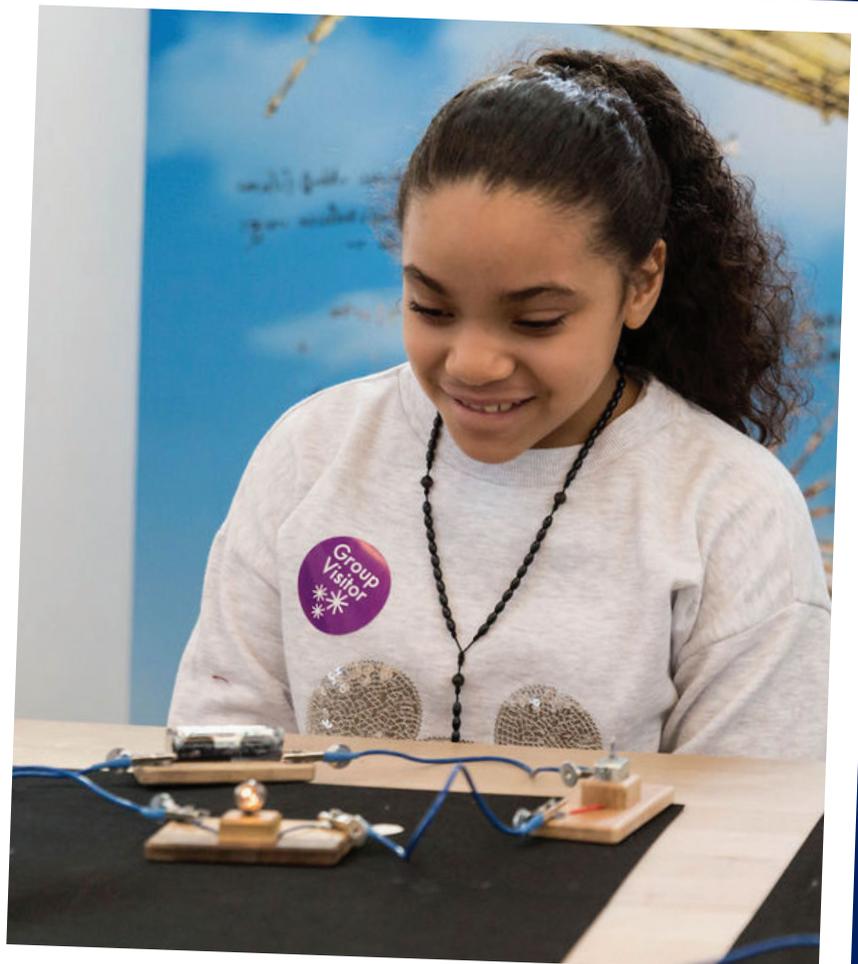
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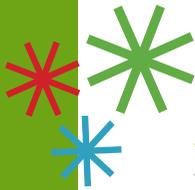
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New City Microcreamery
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New England Quilt Museum
New England Wild Flower Society
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O'Neil Cinemas
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Paul Revere House
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New Board Members 2019

We were pleased to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors in 2019.



J. Kevin Nugent is Founder and Director of the Brazelton Institute in the Division of Developmental Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital. He is also Professor Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Lecturer in Psychology at Harvard Medical School. He has worked at Boston Children's Hospital since 1978, teaching and conducting research on newborn behavior and early parent-infant relations. Dr. Nugent is the author of *Your Baby is Speaking to You: A Visual Guide to the Amazing Behaviors of Your Newborn and Growing Baby*, the highly acclaimed, top-ten bestselling

book for parents. He has also authored or co-authored 10 books (20 including translations), and has written 22 book chapters and almost 100 scientific papers. Born in Mullingar, Ireland, Dr. Nugent was educated at St. Finian's College, Mullingar, and later at St. Columban's College, Navan. He earned a degree in Philosophy (summa cum laude) and his doctorate in Developmental Psychology from Boston College.



Anthony "Tony" DiBona recently retired from his position at PTC as EVP, Focused Solutions Group. Since joining PTC in 1998, he held various positions including Vice President, Global Business Partner Group; Vice President for Major Account Sales; and EVP, Renewal Sales. Before joining PTC, Tony managed the U.S. sales organization at Data General Corporation, and was employed at Unisys Corporation prior to that. Tony holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Bentley University, where he also earned a Bachelor of Science in business management. For more than

30 years, he and his wife have resided in Acton, where Tony's charitable work has included the fundraising committees for both Friends of Leary Fields and the Discovery Museum. Tony was a volunteer youth basketball coach and referee for many years.

Thank You, Bill Ryan!

After ten years of dedicated service, including serving as Chair from 2014-2020, **Bill Ryan** will retire this year from the Discovery Museum Board of Directors.

"Bill's leadership was crucial to Discovery Museum during a period of rapid growth and change," said CEO Neil Gordon, referring to the Museum's major building renovation, completed in 2018. "Always a steady and reassuring voice, Bill gave everyone the conviction to move confidently forward. In moments of hesitation, Bill kept us on track." Fellow Board member Lees Stuntz said that even in the midst of a major construction project and capital campaign, Bill was unflappable, unfailingly cheerful, and never lost sight of the goal.

Before joining the Museum's board, Bill spent 35 years in various roles within the Acton-Boxborough Regional schools, serving as Superintendent for the last 10 before retiring from the district in 2010. Bill donated his time generously and demonstrated again and again his unflinching commitment to the community.



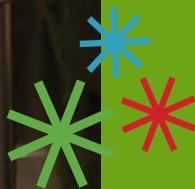
Planned Giving at Discovery Museum: Supporting a Vibrant Future

Discovery Museum has benefited greatly from the extraordinary generosity of many donors and advocates throughout its history. When you choose to support the museum through planned giving, you can be confident your charitable contribution is helping to safeguard the organization's future. For Jeff and Janet Glidden, a planned gift was the perfect way to acknowledge the positive impact the museum has had on their family over many years.

"The Discovery Museum was a great place for our kids to go, to learn, and to grow when they were young. Now our grandkids look forward to the museum, and especially Discovery Woods, when they are visiting with us. The goal with our planned gift to the museum is to ensure that these experiences are available to other kids and families for many generations to come," said Jeff.

We ask, if and when the time is right, that you please consider including the museum in your will or as a life insurance beneficiary. Including the museum in your estate plan is simple and flexible. A member of the Development Staff or Board of Directors would be happy to answer any questions you might have about these vital and meaningful gifts. If you have already made a bequest intention or other planned gift arrangement to benefit Discovery Museum, we'd love to know so that we may thank you.

For more information, or to alert us about your own plans, please contact Marie Beam, Chief Development Officer, at (978) 264-4200 ext. 124 or mbeam@discoveryacton.org.



Corporate Sponsorship at Discovery Museum: Expanding Access

Discovery Museum benefits from the support of numerous corporate sponsors, all of which share our commitment to ensuring children and families of all backgrounds and abilities have access to important early STEM learning experiences. Our corporate partners, who in some cases have supported the museum for more than a decade, contribute both financially and through employee volunteerism. Their ongoing generosity has been essential for expanding our programs to more children and families, especially to those who would otherwise face barriers to access. Our partners have told us that seeing our programs in action, and witnessing children's enthusiastic responses, has cemented their commitment to our mission.

"They're very passionate. Every member of the team enjoys what they're doing," said Natalie Saroufim, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager at MathWorks, which has supported the museum's Traveling Science Workshop program and access initiatives since 2010.

"I was really impressed," agreed Caitlin Comer, Senior Community Engagement Specialist at Boston Scientific, a longtime supporter of the museum's school programs in Marlborough. "That solidified the need for us to grow the relationship even more."





On October 5, two hundred of the Museum's friends and supporters gathered for Discovery Gala: Play it Forward, a fun-filled event to support the many ways we work to ensure all families have access to STEM learning experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence, and prepare children to be the next generation of scientists and creative thinkers. Gala guests spent the evening exploring the museum's hands-on exhibits and enjoying a showcase of our most popular programs, including Take Aparts, Physical Changes of Matter, and Tinytropolis. Thanks to the generosity of attendees, sponsors, and table hosts, we raised a record-breaking \$170,000 to benefit the museum's access programs, which provide free and low-cost admission and programs to more than 50,000 people annually.



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