

IMPACT REPORT 2025

First Year in Our New Home at PPL Pavilion



DA VINCI
SCIENCE
CENTER®

A Catalyst for Curiosity:

The Lehigh Valley's Hub for STEAM Education

OUR MISSION

To bring science to life and lives to science

OUR VISION

To be a leader and partner advancing science learning, quality of life and economic development in the Lehigh Valley region by:

- Delivering enjoyable experiences for families and schools that encourage interest in science
- Providing leadership in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) education throughout the region
- Inspiring an outstanding 21st century workforce
- Contributing to social and economic vitality

GUIDED BY OUR CORE VALUES

- **Vision:** We have bold ideas, and the leadership, expertise, and drive to achieve them.
- **Learning:** We engage in active learning through authentic and fun experiences.
- **Belonging:** We go above and beyond to be welcoming and inclusive.
- **Passion:** We are excited about what we do because it makes a difference.

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DEAR FRIENDS:

This Impact Report marks the beginning of a new era—the launch of a world-class science center for the Lehigh Valley and the energy and momentum of our community coming together to spark curiosity, educate across the STEAM disciplines, develop the region’s future talent, and celebrate the power of shared experiences.

Over the past year, we have expanded opportunities for learners of all ages—from major exhibitions like Dinos Alive and Sharks to early learning experiences for preschoolers, to daily engagement with students at Central STREAM Academy, and career pathway programs for middle and high school students.

What inspires us most, however, is who we are reaching.

Through our Access for All Admission and Membership Program and the Linny Fowler STEAM Scholarship Fund, thousands of families and students who might not otherwise have had access are discovering the joy of science for the first time. For many children, this is where a spark begins—one that can grow into confidence, curiosity, and a future they may not yet imagine.

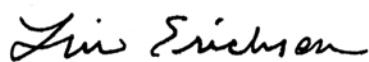
That is the power of this place.

It is built not only of exhibits and programs, but of people—of donors, partners, educators, staff, and volunteers—who believe that every child deserves the opportunity to explore, discover, and dream.

The Science Center is more than a destination—it is a catalyst for learning, workforce development, and community vitality. None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors, partners, staff, and volunteers.

We hope you enjoy exploring this report and take pride in all that we have accomplished together. We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to continuing our work with you to bring science to life and lives to science in the year ahead.

With gratitude,



Lin Erickson (she/her)



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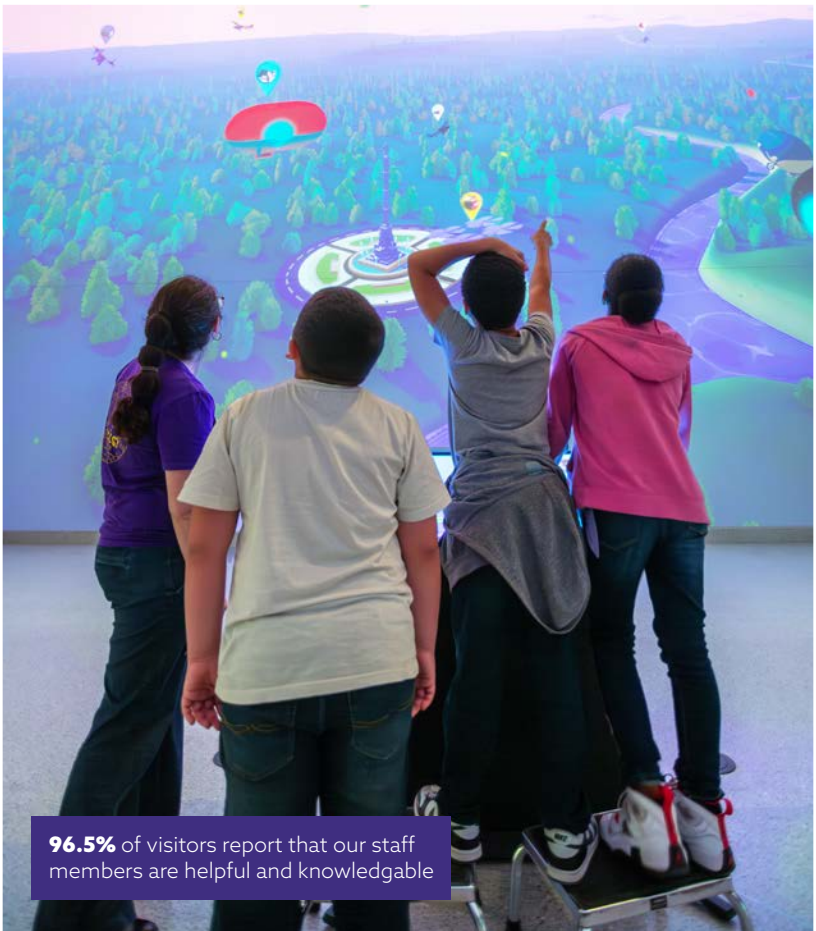
INSPIRING CURIOSITY

Showcasing discovery and
wonder across generations

CURIOSITY HALL

The Leonardo Experience

Introducing Leonardo da Vinci,
the most curious individual
to ever live



96.5% of visitors report that our staff
members are helpful and knowledgeable



TRAVELING EXHIBITS

Fiscal Year 2025

Drawing New Audiences and Bringing Returning Guests

Dinos Alive

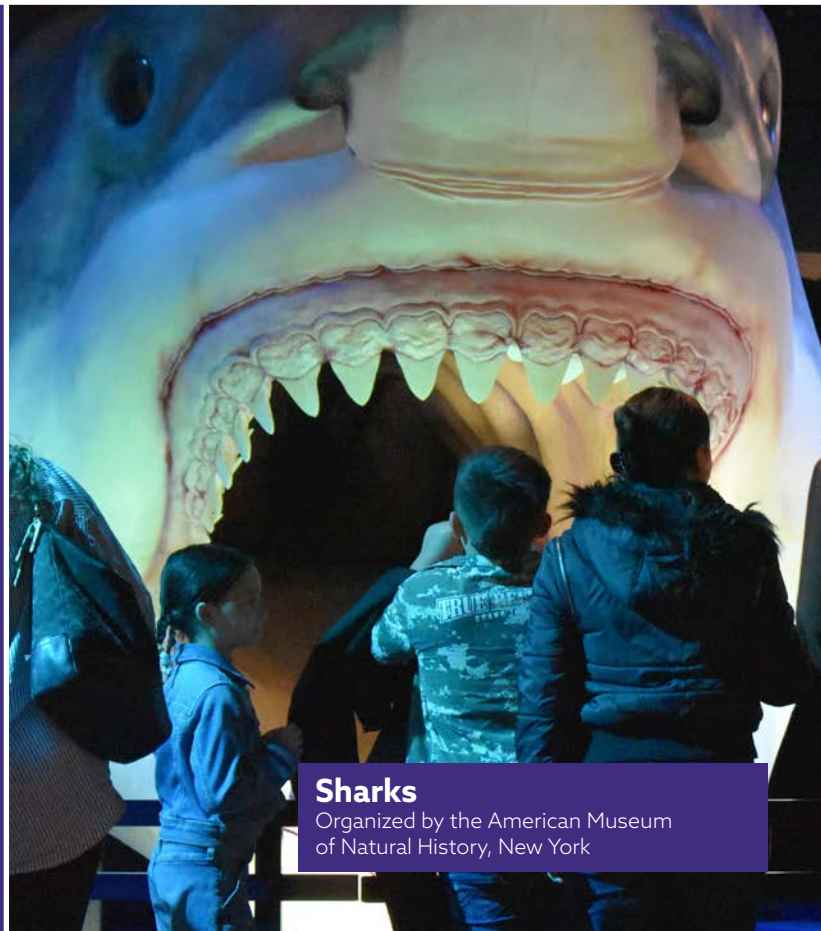
May 22, 2024 through September 8, 2024

Sharks

October 12, 2024 through March 2, 2025

Mission: Astronaut

June 9, 2025 through September 1, 2025



Sharks

Organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York



Dinos Alive

Produced by Exhibition Hub Edutainment



Mission: Astronaut

Produced by Flying Fish
Supported by The DoSeum and Intrepid Museum



INSPIRING CURIOSITY

SALVAGGIO LITTLE LEARNER'S LAB

Capturing the Imagination
of Young Children

- Bilingual Educators
- Free Drop-In times for preschool children and their caregivers
- Guided family workshops

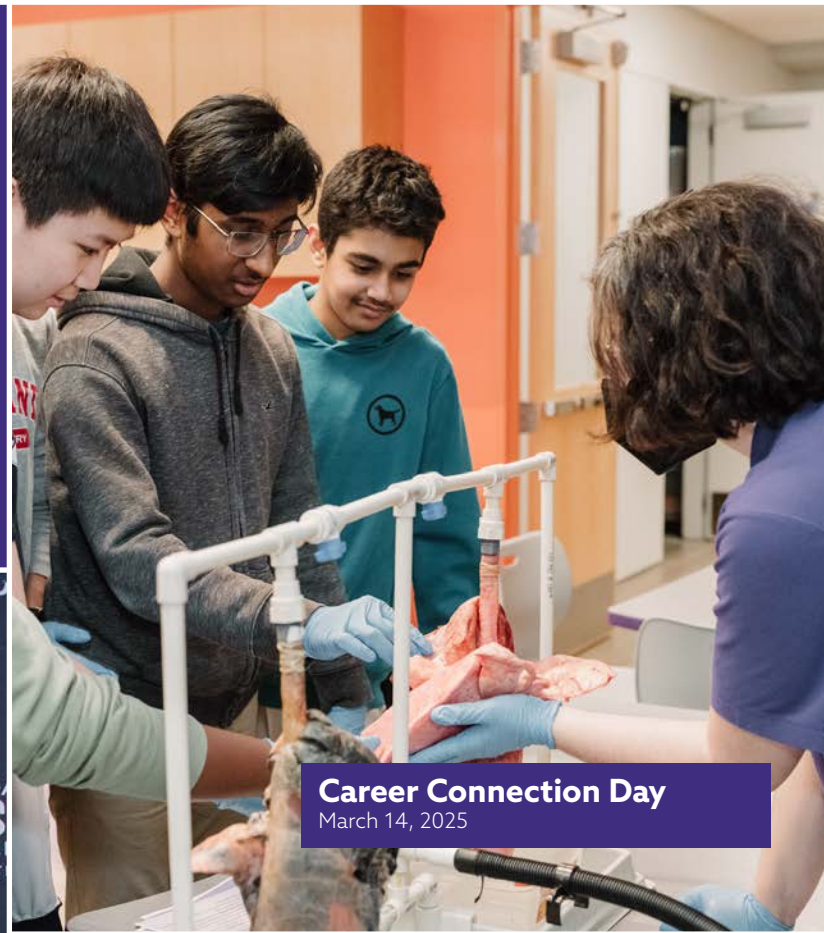


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sharing Discovery for
Individuals of All Ages



Nerd Nite
August 22, 2025



Career Connection Day
March 14, 2025



Traveling Science Program
June, 2025

HIGHLIGHT STORY

INSPIRING CURIOSITY

Space Exploration at a Monumental Scale

Through the **Isaacman Next Generation Science Institute**, Da Vinci Science Center has launched dynamic new programming that connects our community to the excitement of space exploration.

This year, students and families had extraordinary opportunities to:

- Hear directly from NASA Administrator and astronaut **Jared Isaacman** about his groundbreaking *Polaris Dawn* space mission.
- Learn from **Jim Beletic, PhD**, Chief Scientific Officer at Teledyne Digital Imaging, about the future of space technology.

Dr. Beletic's participation was part of the Spotlight Conference on **Advancing Photonics Technologies**, hosted by Princeton University, celebrating the growth of the photonics industry in the region.

- Explore future careers through **GSK Science in the Summer: Careers in Space**, in partnership with The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.
- Pilot the **PLANETS curriculum** as a middle school beta site, expanding access to cutting-edge astronomy education.

Together, these programs are sparking imagination, building pathways into STEAM careers, and showing students that space is not just "out there" it's a future they can be part of.



Jared Isaacman answers questions about performing the first private spacewalk



A Girl Scout troop takes part in a physical demonstration of rocket propulsion

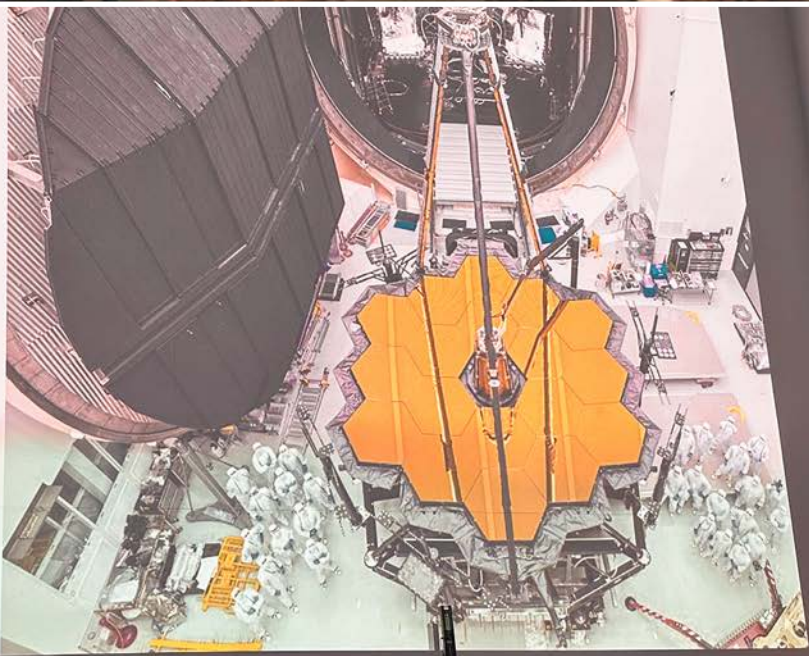


Jared Isaacman shares photos and insights on the groundbreaking Polaris Dawn mission

- Required Orbit
- JWST Facility
- Instruments & Infrared Focal Plane Arrays
- Optical Performance & Micrometeoroids
- Image Processing Pipeline
- Scientific Examples

Engineers pose with JWST after it emerged from Chamber A at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, on December 1, 2017. The telescope's combined science instruments and optical element exited the massive thermal vacuum testing chamber after about 100 days of cryogenic testing inside.

Scientists and engineers at Johnson put Webb through a series of tests designed to ensure the telescope functioned as expected in an extremely cold, airless environment akin to that of space.



Dr. James Beletic, PhD shares the technical challenges and solutions involved in the fabrication and operation of the James Webb Space Telescope



EDUCATING ALL IN STEAM

Expanding reach to
schools, teachers,
and families

SCHOOL & GROUP FIELD TRIPS

Just over 400 school field
trips, with over 35,000
students served

ASD Central STREAM
Academy Pre-K - 2nd Grade
students were on-site
every school day



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

More than 40,000 served through our traveling science programs





EDUCATING ALL IN STEAM

SCOUT DAY PROGRAMS, OVERNIGHTS, AND SUMMER CAMP

New Programs, New Possibilities

Camp participants learned animation, engineering design, and 3D modeling in the new Fab Lab



ACCESS FOR ALL

More than 10,000 Allentown School District households enrolled in ASD All-Inspiring family membership program.

Our discounted admission program served over 6,500 guests and accounted for 20% of our overall membership base.

The Linny Fowler STEAM Scholarship Fund awarded \$63,000 in scholarships, providing students opportunities to explore STEAM subjects & careers.



HIGHLIGHT STORY

EDUCATING ALL IN STEAM

Expanding Opportunities Together: Partnership with Allentown School District



Central STREAM Academy

In 2024-2025, Da Vinci Science Center and the Allentown School District (ASD) proudly launched the Central STREAM Academy - a theme-based school and first-of-its-kind partnership between a school district and a science center.

Serving as a second campus for Central Elementary School, the Science Center provides experiences for students integrating STEM, reading, and the arts, inspiring curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving skills. The Science Center also provides professional development and coaching for teachers.

Programs Across the District

ASD students and families across the district benefit from this collaboration:

- Free family memberships for every ASD household (over 10,000 households)
- Professional development and coaching for teachers on next generation science teaching and learning
- Science Celebrations at every elementary and middle school
- STEAM Career Pathways Programs providing immersive workshops, mentorship, industry exposure, and internship experiences for middle and high school students

Together, this partnership is breaking new ground in equity and access to STEAM education across the community.







GROWING TALENT

Building pathways from
curiosity to careers

EXHIBIT EXPERIENCE

Discovering Local Industry
and Career Possibilities

- Four Career Kiosks feature local employers and STEAM careers
- Visitors learn how STEAM connects to regional careers



93% of visitors find the information in our exhibits educational and informative



95.1% of visitors find our exhibits interactive and engaging

CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Opening Doors to Careers and the Skills that Power Them

- Piloted in FY2025 in Allentown School District
- Engaged over 750 middle school & high school students
- Placed 10 summer interns in positions in healthcare and education
- Senior intern offered and accepted a full-time position
- Six interns have research published on the Lehigh Valley Health Network website





GROWING TALENT

CAREER CONNECTION DAYS

Connecting Learners to Practicing Professionals

1,311 middle school students served

Employer partners include:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ATAS International Inc. | Lehigh University |
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| Lehigh Career & Technical Institute | UGI Utilities |
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Visiting students participate in a live hands-on ultrasound demonstration



FAB LAB & MOBILE FAB LAB

Solving Real-World Problems by Designing and Making

- Middle and High School students designed and fabricated Treasure Trail markers for Lehigh County's America250 celebration
- Students learned robotics programming
- Students and adults learned digital design and 3D modeling software
- Community members designed and produced projects using laser cutters, 3D printers, and CNC routing machines





GROWING TALENT

WISE: WOMEN IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Connecting Girls to Women
who Lead in STEAM

- Girl Scouts computer coding program
- Summer design project
- Student participants from 34 public and private schools across Eastern PA and NJ
- 109 community and corporate mentors



WISE Forum, November 2024



HIGHLIGHT STORY

CAREER CURIOSITY

From inspiration to action

Da Vinci Science Center's mission is to spark curiosity and inspire a lifelong passion for science. For Julia Butchkoski, that spark became a career.

Today, Julia works in the Manufacturing, Sciences, Analytical, and Technology (MSAT) Department at Sanofi, a global pharmaceutical company dedicated to improving lives through science. But her journey began years earlier—at Da Vinci Science Center.

In July 2007, Julia visited the Science Center for the first time and was captivated by the exhibits, especially the healthcare lab. Wearing a lab coat and stethoscope, she took care of a medical mannequin and imagined herself as a doctor. "My mom told me she could not pull me away from that exhibit," Julia recalls. That moment planted a seed.

Inspired initially by that experience, Julia earned a bachelor's degree in biology from East Stroudsburg University, interned at Sanofi, and later joined the company full time. She found her place in pharmaceutical validation, a field that directly supports Sanofi's mission to improve global health.

"Helping others has been my goal since my first visit to the Da Vinci Science Center," she says. "Now I get to live that mission every day."

This year, Julia returned to Da Vinci Science Center for the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Forum, now as a professional and a mentor. Her story is a powerful reminder that one hands-on experience can spark a future that changes lives.





CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Growing impact
through partnerships
and shared experiences

RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING

Da Vinci Science Center
at PPL Pavilion opened its
doors on May 21, 2024



ICE CREAM WARS 14

Our family-friendly tradition returned for the first time in our new facility, drawing over 1,400 guests and participation from 8 Lehigh Valley companies

- Alvin H. Butz - "Blueprint Blend" **WINNER**
- ATAS International, Inc. - "Bing Bong's Banana Bliss"
- B104 - "Strawberry Patch"
- B. Braun - "B. Sweet & Salty"
- PPL - "Cosmic Crunch"
- Victaulic - "Breakfast of Champions"
- WDIY 88.1 - "WDIY Double Mint Delight"
- WFMZ-TV 69 News - "Wicked Cookie Crunch"



Alvin H. Butz voted Best Overall by our taste testing visitors



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

CONNECT PROGRAMS

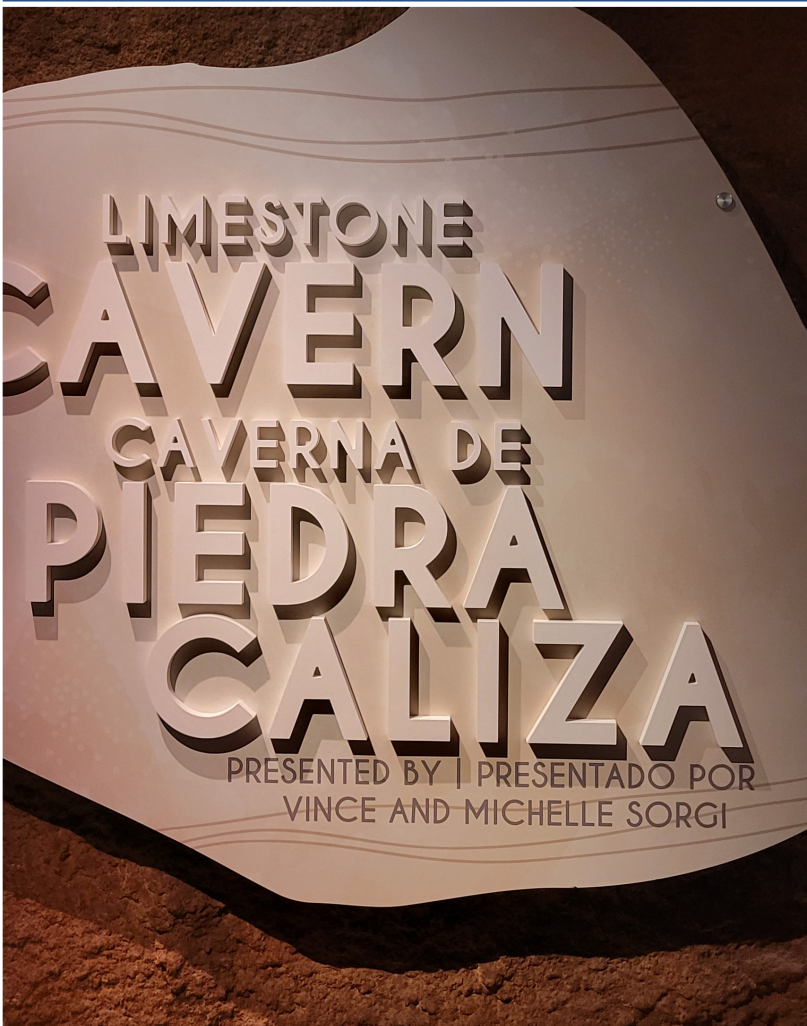
Expanding collaboration
with school districts,
community organizations,
and corporate partners to
amplify impact

District Connect, Community
Connect, and Corporate Connect -
reach 55,000 students and
tens of thousands of local
community members



RECOGNIZING OUR DONORS

Honoring the generosity that made the new science center possible



HIGHLIGHT STORY

SCIENCE SOIREE

Celebrating Innovation, Leadership, and Excellence in Science Teaching and Learning

Da Vinci Science Center hosted its annual **Science Soirée & STEAM Awards**, a signature event celebrating STEAM leadership and achievement in our community. The evening honored outstanding students and educators with **STEAM Awards**, showcasing their creativity and dedication to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

Together with generous supporters, the event raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit the **Lenny Fowler Scholarship Fund** and **Access For All**, expanding access to families and students across the region.

STEAM Student Award Honorees

DeAndre Bentinck, Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School

Mia Napolitano, Freedom High School

Jillian Halm, Freedom High School

Grace Kirby, Northampton Area High School

Gage Reichard, Louis E. Dieruff High School

STEAM Educator Award Honorees

Josh Inman, Catasaqua High School

Emily Lepore, Steckel Elementary School

Nicole Leskosky, William Allen High School





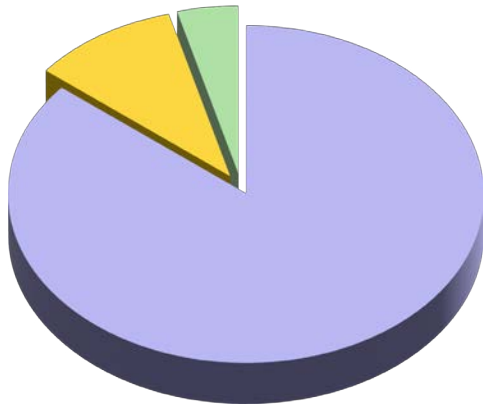
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

2025 Fiscal Year

2025

Fiscal Year Expenses

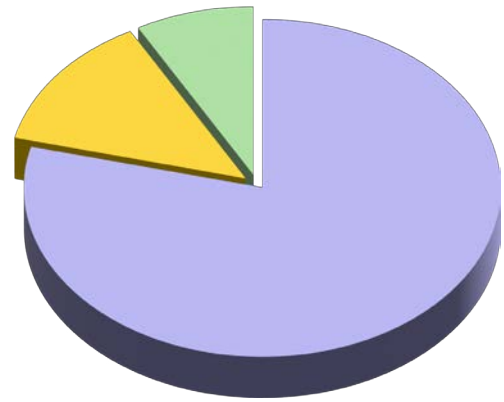
- 86% Program Services
- 10% Management & General
- 4% Fundraising



2024

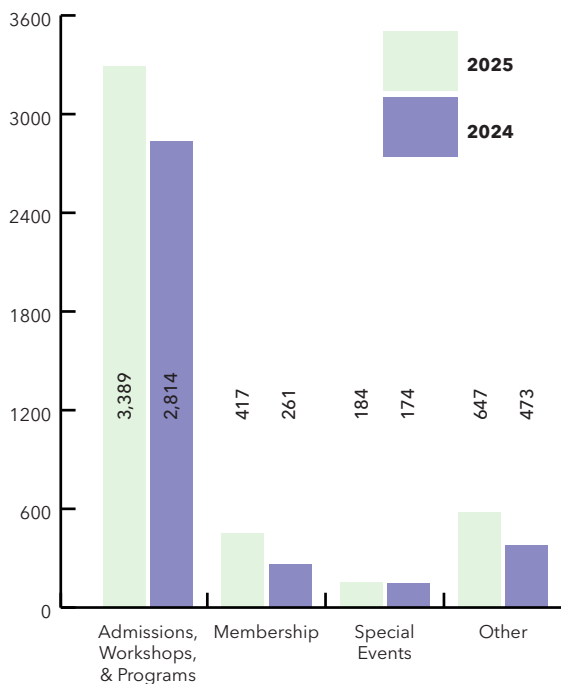
Fiscal Year Expenses

- 79% Program Services
- 13% Management & General
- 8% Fundraising



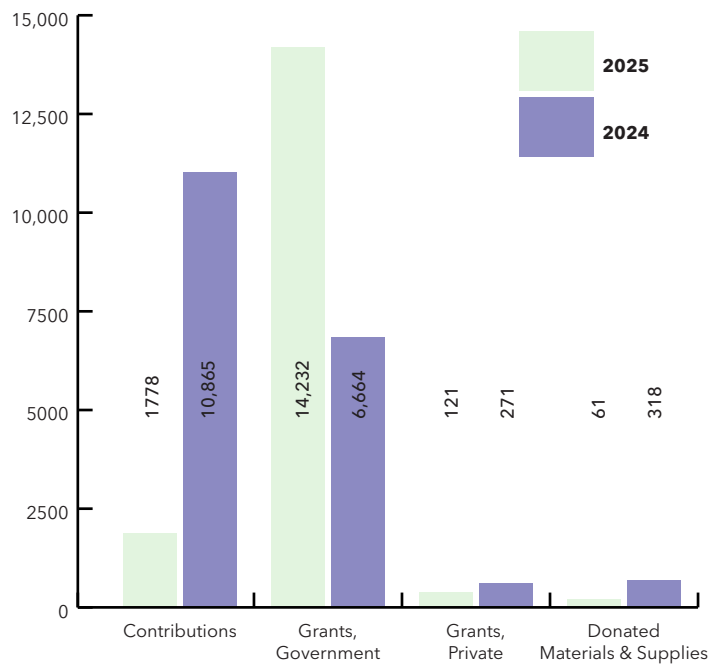
Earned Revenue

By Source (\$000's)



Support

By Source (\$000's)



* Includes support for capital campaign
 FY2025: \$15.0MM (Gov't grants \$14.2MM; Contributions \$0.8MM)
 FY2024: \$18.2MM (Gov't grants \$6.6MM, Contributions \$11.6MM)

STATEMENTS

OF ACTIVITIES

BASE OPERATIONS	2025	2024
REVENUES		
Admissions, workshops, & programs	3,389,346	2,814,181
Membership	416,848	260,802
Special events	183,792	173,595
Other	646,815	472,558
TOTAL REVENUES	4,636,801	3,721,136
SUPPORT		
Contributions	1,778,053	10,865,300
Grants, Government	14,232,089	6,664,292
Grants, Private	120,700	270,731
Donated Materials & Supplies	60,500	318,288
TOTAL SUPPORT	16,191,342	18,118,611
TOTAL REVENUES & SUPPORT	20,828,143	21,839,747
EXPENSES		
Program services	11,024,373	3,895,413
Supporting services		
Management & general	1,264,001	638,396
Fundraising	566,257	401,907
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,854,631	6,950,888
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
Base Operations	7,973,512	14,888,859

* FY2025 includes full year impact of operating new facility

* Includes Support for Capital Campaign
FY2025 \$14.22MM; FY2024 \$18.0MM

STATEMENTS

OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	4,204,227	3,835,229
Accounts receivable	7,961	220,896
Grants receivable	2,000	70,066
Unconditional promises to give	2,054,650	1,690,880
Inventory	--	--
Prepaid expenses	287,923	434,485
Operating Less Receivable	184,993	--
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,741,754	6,251,556
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted cash	363,127	396,621
Property & equipment, net	64,795,942	66,880,077
Unconditional promises to give	4,613,785	8,371,392
Operating Lease Right of Use Asset, Net	186,383	296,474
Operating Lease Receivable	1,613,010	1,733,821
Other Assets	430,380	426,274
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	72,020,627	78,104,659
TOTAL ASSETS	78,762,381	84,356,215
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	24,719,015	1,916,825
Line of Credit	667,000	--
Accounts payable and other liabilities	147,214	725,336
Accrued expenses	364,181	3,754,932
Deferred revenue	337,179	360,486
Current portion of operating lease liability	47,636	49,652
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	26,282,225	6,807,231
Long-term debt, less current maturities	4,418,556	37,158,948
Operating lease liability, net current portion	155,766	258,309
Deferred lease payments	1,545,823	1,695,224
Refundable advances	441,662	491,666
TOTAL LIABILITIES	32,844,032	46,411,378
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	35,226,416	25,533,360
Temporarily restricted	10,691,933	12,411,477
TOTAL NET ASSETS	45,918,349	37,944,837
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	78,762,381	84,356,215

Fiscal year end June 30

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Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor

\$1,000,000+

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Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA)

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