

# 2018 Annual Report

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#### Dear Friend of the Museum,

There have been few times in the history of Discovery Museum in which we have had as much to celebrate as in 2018:

- The opening of a beautiful, new museum building, rich in subtle yet critical details that make it accessible and welcoming to all.
- Many new exhibits and experiences—including Brain Building Together, our first space just for infants and toddlers—and old favorites from throughout the Museum's 36-year history, reimagined and made more inclusive.
- A "new" name and logo, reflecting that we are now one, unified museum experience.
- Record numbers of visitors, member families, students served in their classrooms and on Field Trips, participants in our free Especially For Me programs for kids with special needs, and people served at little or no charge.
- A new, annual fundraising event, Discovery Gala, which brought together inspired supporters of the Museum for a fun night benefitting our access programs.
- The completion of a new, five-year Strategic Plan that builds on this base of success and charts a course for the Museum's future.



CEO Neil Gordon and Board Chair Bill Ryan

• So many notes, emails, and social posts from our friends, near and far, thanking us for everything from a fun day and new memories to being a place where kids with special needs can play right alongside their peers.

We feel very fortunate to have been part of the Museum's incredible journey, highlighted by change but with a fundamental commitment to the same educational principles as ever. What is absolutely clear is that without our tremendous community-extraordinarily dedicated staff and volunteers, understanding neighbors, generous supporters, thoughtful friends and advisors, tenacious advocates, and a Board of Directors that has believed passionately in the Museum's mission—our impact on the kids and families of our region could not have been so great.

Please accept our personal thanks for being part of our story, and for staying with us as we continue to build a strong and vibrant future for Discovery Museum. This is only the beginning! Here's to 2019!

Neil H. Gordon, CEO

Bill Lyon

Bill Ryan, Chair, Board of Directors

## 2018 By the Numbers

Preliminary unaudited results

FY2018 Operating Expenses	
Program Services	\$1,568,993
Management & General	\$132,722
Fundraising & Marketing	\$390,783
Total	\$2,092,498

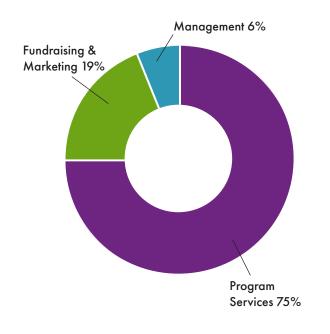
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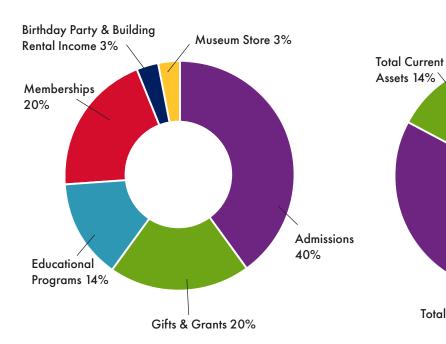
**Operating Support & Revenue** 

Total	\$2,569,854
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,083
Museum Store	\$76,506
Building Rental Income	
Birthday Party &	\$81,882
Memberships	\$497,369
Educational Programs	\$366,697
Gifts & Grants	\$521,032
Admissions	\$1,023,285

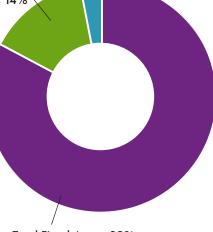
### FY2018 Total Liabilities & Assets

Total Liabilities	\$653,669
Total Assets	\$8,286,905
Total Other Assets	\$227,749
Total Fixed Assets	\$6,910,136
Total Current Assets	\$1,149,020





Total Other Assets 3%



Total Fixed Assets 83%

## 2018 Accolades

On March 1, 2018, opened the all-new, expanded, fully-accessible Discovery Museum, with 10,000 square feet of new, inclusively-designed, and interactive exhibits. Served more than 230,000 people in 2018.



Served more than 49,500 people for free or nearly free, 22% of the total we served. This included \$1 Anytime Admission for 5,562 people visiting with an EBT card holder, a 97% increase.

Brought together nine practicing scientists and engineers for training and two free "Meet the Scientists" public events, part of our Science & Engineering Communication Fellowship program. Ended 2018 with 4,179 member families, the most in our history and nearly double the number from year-end 2017.

Brought 1,747 hands-on STEM workshops to 36,000 pre-K through 8th graders in their classrooms through our Traveling Science Workshops program.

More than 200 volunteers donated more than 4,800 hours of their time to the Museum in 2018.

With a \$20,000 grant from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation, completed our 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, establishing our path forward.

Won Regional Gold, Best Museum, 2018 Wicked Local Reader's Choice Awards, and "Best of the Best," 2018 Boston Parents Paper Family Favorites Awards.

CEO Neil Gordon honored with a 2018 New England Museum Association (NEMA) Excellence Award.

Honored with a 2018 John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts LEAD® Community Asset Award, for setting an example in our field for inclusion of people with	ady Center for the rming Arts LEAD® hunity Asset Award, for g an example in our field clusion of people with ilities in the cultural arts. h our Facilities Feasibility , thanks to a \$30,000 from the Massachusetts ral Facilities Fund, Denise LeBlanc, Director of Learn- ing Experiences, awarded a 2018 Excellent Non-Profit Leadership Award by the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce. Hosted and shared our expertise with 20 outdoor educators in the two-day Association of Children's Museums workshop, "Thinking	ston® 2018, Best Family-Friendly Museum, West. More than 15,000 students and their teachers visited the Museum from throughout New England.	
disabilities in the cultural arts.		Hosted more than 1,100 registrants at five events in our 2018 Speaker Series, with speakers addressing	
Began our Facilities Feasibility Study, thanks to a \$30,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, which was matched by 3M		topics including investing in early childhood education, the impacts of commercialization on children, and aging. Speakers included New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Peter H. Reynolds, author of The Dot.	
which was matched by 3M.Outside the Museum."A \$14,000 grant from The Sudbury Foundation kicked off a project to update our Learning Experience Framework.Offered more than 300 staff-led, child-directed, hands-on science, engineering, nature, and art-based activities for all ages.	Hosted 467 Kindergarteners-to-be and their families at the Museum, expanding our partnership with Boston's Countdown to Kindergarten program and Roxbury's First Teacher.		
Donated nearly \$37,000 worth of free admission passes and memberships to 617 other nonprofit organizations			

for their fundraisers, a 13% increase over 2017.



### 2018 Donors

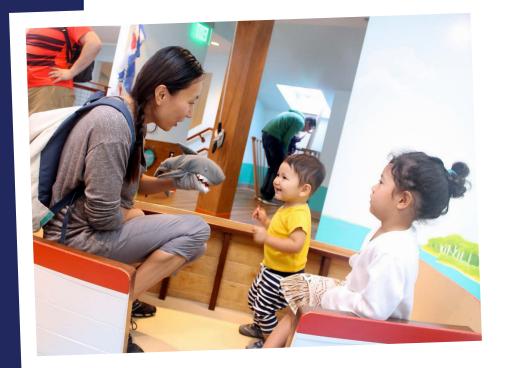
We gratefully acknowledge the individuals, corporations, foundations, organizations, and government agencies whose generosity and goodwill provided critical support for Discovery Museum in 2018. It is a special honor to recognize those who have shown their loyalty to the Museum by giving for many years consecutively (see key).

## **Museum Partner** \$25,000 and above

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### **Visionary** \$7,500-\$9,999

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Consecutive Support Key: + 5-plus years ++ 10-plus years

+++ 15-plus years

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### Discovery Museum 2018 Speaker Series

**Peter H. Reynolds**, New York Times bestselling author and illustrator: One Brave Dot

**David A. Sinclair, Ph.D.,** Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School: Reversing Aging: How Long Can We Live?

Josh Golin, Executive Director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood: Raising Healthy Children in a Commercialized World

#### Katherine Reynolds Lewis,

award-winning independent journalist, speaker, and author: A Crisis of Self-Regulation—and How To Help

Amy O'Leary, Director of Early Education for All: The State of Early Education in Massachusetts



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Consecutive Support Key: + 5-plus years ++ 10-plus years +++ 15-plus years



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"Ben is three years old and uses a wheelchair. [At Discovery Museum], Ben was able to reach and play with everything he wanted ...he was on the same playing field as all of his peers there, and he loved it! I cannot thank you enough for building a place that lets him explore like everyone else." –Becky Chisholm, parent visitor





## **Friend** Up to \$99

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"By creating fun opportunities for children of all abilities to discover their inner scientist—or at least trick them into learning—you have expanded their world and our community." –Rob Haneisen, parent visitor

### **Matching Gifts**

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### **Special Projects**

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"It is no mistake that you feel the magic the moment you step onto the grounds." –Josette Williams, Program Manager, Countdown to Kindergarten, Boston







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"Amazing place that provides opportunities for learning and fun for everyone. I mean EVERYONE! Families, young kids, older kids, those with special needs. This place is great." –Google 5-star reviewer

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These lists reflect gifts made between January 1 and December 31, 2018, and are complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge. To notify us of an error, please contact Marie Beam, Chief Development Officer, at mbeam@discoveryacton.org.







### **Denise Dumas LeBlanc Science Fund**

The Denise Dumas LeBlanc Science Fund was established by her family in 2018 in recognition of Denise's 30 years at Discovery Museum. The fund will support science education, programs, and exhibits for all ages.

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"There really aren't words to describe how wonderful this field trip was, and we have been on MANY such trips. THANK YOU for the best field trip ever." –Laura Adams, second grade teacher, Quinsigamond School, Worcester

## New Board Members 2018

We were pleased to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors in 2018.



Xuan Kong is Chief Data Scientist at NEUROMetrix Inc., where he leads the company's data science initiative to deliver personalized and clinically optimized pain relief and health experience for chronic pain sufferers. He has published numerous papers in leading signal processing, biomedical engineering, and clinical neurophysiology journals. Xuan has been awarded twenty U.S. and foreign patents. Prior to joining NEUROMetrix, Xuan was an Associate Professor at Northern Illinois University. Xuan is currently a member of Discovery Museum's Science and Technology Advisory Council and a member of Acton Volunteer Coordinating Committee; he was elected two terms

as a member of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee, and previously served as a board member for ActonTV, the Chinese Language School, and the Acton Chinese American Civic Society. Xuan received his Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University and MBA from Boston University. He is certified as professional risk manager by PRMIA. He is a senior member of IEEE and a member of Eta Kappa Nu and Beta Gamma Sigma.



Jose "Joey" A. Rivera is Director of Finance at National Grid, responsible for the financial support and performance of Corporate Functions (HR, Legal, Finance, Corp Affairs, etc.). Joey recently moved to the area from Chicago, where he previously led teams in Corporate Development, Nuclear Generation, Treasury, and Corporate Finance for Exelon, the nation's largest regulated utility and the largest operator of nuclear power plants in the U.S. Joey is a former Captain/Ranger in the military, with combat deployments to Afghanistan and in support of other humanitarian relief operations. Joey earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan, and an M.S. in Finance and

an MBA from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business with Beta Gamma Sigma honors.

### Planned Giving at Discovery Museum: Supporting a Vibrant Future

Discovery Museum has benefitted greatly from the extraordinary generosity of many donors, supporters, and advocates throughout its history. In order to best ensure the long-term sustainability of the Museum's mission and continuation of its important work, the Museum's Board of Directors is now launching a Planned Giving program. So we ask, if and when the time is right, please consider including Discovery Museum in your will or as a life insurance beneficiary, as several of our Board Members and friends have already done.

A member of the Development Staff or the Board would be happy to answer any questions you may have about these vital and meaningful gifts. Including the Museum in your estate plans is simple and flexible.

And if you have made a bequest intention or other planned gift arrangement to benefit Discovery Museum, we'd love to know so 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.



### **Discovery Gala 2018**

Thanks to our generous sponsors, table hosts, and guests, we raised more than \$150,000 at our first Discovery Gala, held at the museum on October 20 with a theme of "Wear Your Jeans, Bring Your Curiosity." More than 200 guests enjoyed a playfilled evening in our galleries capped off by inspiring remarks from parents and teachers who have been touched by our free and low cost programs for children with disabilities and families and schools with limited financial means. Proceeds from this event not only supported all of the museum's access programs to the benefit of a quarter of our museum audience they also helped us ensure all children and families feel welcome and included at Discovery Museum.



### Thank you to our Discovery Gala Sponsors and Hosts:

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"Science is just a way to **understand the world**, and to me, the Museum is a way to **nurture** the most important resource we have. **Every kid is a seed of opportunity.**" –Neil Gordon, CEO

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