Dear Friend of the Museums,

We write this year with tremendous pride in all that our organization accomplished in 2015, and with our most sincere thanks to the community of supporters and fans that propels The Discovery Museums forward in its work.

You’ll see many of our accomplishments listed inside this Annual Report—all of which supported our four main goals for the last year, and going forward:

• **Grow the museum** to reach more families and ensure sustainability.
• **Improve access** to ensure that the successful learning experiences we offer are available to all kids.
• **Get kids back outdoors**, moving, exploring, and connecting to the natural world.
• **Be a voice for play** as the way kids best learn, grow, and develop.

These goals are inherently in keeping with the founding tenets of the museum, and the approach we have upheld since our doors opened in 1982. While the world around us has become infinitely more technology-centered, “connected,” and pressured, we believe that it is our obligation to provide children and their families an experience free from intensity, ranking, grading, and expectations. Time slows within the galleries of The Discovery Museums. Children lead, and adults follow. And the lessons learned are about exploration, tenacity, putting curiosity first, and trusting that each of us is naturally equipped for success.

We’d like to see more of these messages in the world around us, more parents encouraged just to play with their kids, more kids told “you can do it.” Until then, all of us at The Discovery Museums commit to growing thoughtfully, building wisely, and most of all ensuring that we reach as many children as possible with our brand of hands-on learning and fun.

Thank you for your support of The Discovery Museums. It is making great things possible for thousands of children each year. If you have any ideas for us, please let us know!

Neil H. Gordon, CEO

Bill Ryan, Chair, Board of Directors
2015 by the Numbers
Preliminary unaudited results

**FY2015 Operating Support & Revenue**

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**FY2015 Operating Support & Revenue**

- Admissions 37%
- Gifts & Grants 25%
- Educational Programs 19%
- Memberships 12%
- Rental Income 4%
- Museum Store 3%

**FY2015 Operating Expenses**

- Program 76%
- Management & General 9%
- Fundraising & Marketing 15%
- Memberships 12%

**FY2015 Liabilities & Assets**

- Total Current Assets 38%
- Total Other Assets 5%
- Total Current Liabilities 1%
- Total Liabilities 4%
- Net Property & Equipment 6%
Accessibility & Inclusion

Access is an imperative for us. We are pleased to have completed a year-long self-evaluation regarding accessibility as part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council’s (MCC) UP program, a state initiative aimed at helping cultural institutions become more inclusively accessible. Through collaboration with other UP institutions and with resources provided by MCC, we turned a lens on our buildings, parking, signage, exhibits, grounds, and website, getting feedback on accessibility from user experts and visitors alike. This process enabled us to make immediate changes on-site, as well as create an agenda for our renovation and expansion efforts, in which accessibility and inclusion are significant project goals.

Our Supporters

We gratefully acknowledge the individuals, corporations, foundations, organizations, and government agencies whose generosity and goodwill provided critical support for The Discovery Museums in 2015. It is a special honor to recognize those who have shown their loyalty to the Museums by giving for many years consecutively (see key).

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

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“Play is our brain’s favorite way of learning.”

—Diane Ackerman

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We believe that play is a foundational and essential element of a healthy childhood. Through play, children learn about who they are and what they are capable of. They learn to try things, make decisions, solve problems, plan, persevere, fail, succeed, cooperate with others, and experience joy!

To emphasize our commitment to play, in 2015 we launched an initiative called PLAY Matters, a multi-part campaign to support parents’ and caregivers’ understanding of the importance of play. We’ve made PLAY Matters a visible message in the museums by adding it to our floor staff uniforms and creating photo displays in each museum that depict some of the benefits children get through play. On our social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter, we are passing along good articles and research related to play. We have re-named our marketing communications pieces PLAY Matters. And, we are providing regular information and perspective to parents through our Play Matters blog. For example, have you given much thought to the science of playing dress-up? Check out the blog at discoverymuseums.org/blog and join the conversation.

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Consecutive Support Key:  + 5-plus years    ++ 10-plus years    +++ 15-plus years
* deceased
“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”

—Fred Rogers

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Gifts in Kind
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Acton Bowladrome
Acton Coffee House
Acton Fire Department
Acton Recreation Department
ActonArt Drawing School
Amazing Things Arts Center
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American Textile History Museum
Animal Adventures
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
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Canobie Lake Park
Carlisle & Company
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Charles River Canoe & Kayak
Charlesbridge
Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine
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Citizens Bank
The Cleveland Museum of Natural History
The Clock & Watch Shop
Lisa Clough
Colonial Figure Skating Club
Denise LeBlanc Honored for Excellence

Denise LeBlanc, Director of Learning Experiences at The Discovery Museums, won a 2015 Excellence Award from the New England Museum Association for her extraordinary dedication to and enthusiasm for science education. In her 26 years in the field, LeBlanc’s passion for her work has translated into programs and exhibits that spark curiosity and exploration in many thousands of museum visitors each year.

Denise has been committed to collaborative partnerships including a museum-school cooperative with Uxbridge High School that won an Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) Award for Innovation; “Girls Get SET” and “Discovery KWEST” programs with Tufts University and the Boys & Girls’ Club; and even an international collaboration with Tin Marin Museo de los Ninos and the Caserio School in Ilobasco, El Salvador, and the Merriam School in Acton, as part of a cultural exchange and biodiversity unit.

Most recently, Denise led The Discovery Museums to be the only New England member of Portal to the Public, a program that teaches scientists how best to communicate with and educate the public on their work.
“Children are designed by nature to learn through self-directed play and exploration.” — Peter Gray

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These lists reflect gifts made between January 1 and December 31, 2015, and are complete and accurate to the best of our ability. To notify us of an error, please contact Marie Beam, Chief Development Officer, at mbeam@discoverymuseums.org.
“When work becomes play, and play becomes your work, your life unfolds.” —Robert Frost

And this is how WE play! We served nearly 170,000 visitors • Brought hands-on STEM programming to more than 29,000 Pre-K-8 students in more than 1,400 classrooms through our Traveling Science Workshops program • Completed a $3 million matching grant challenge issued by the Manton Foundation, raising $6.4 toward our $8.4 million, transformational Campaign for The Discovery Museums • Broke ground on our fully-inclusive and accessible nature playscape, Discovery Woods, set to open Summer 2016 • Held six events in our Discovery Museums Speaker Series, with more than 1,200 registrants • Earned Gold, Best Museum, in the 2015 Wicked Local Readers’ Choice awards • Earned a Boston Parents Paper Family Favorite, Top 5 Museum award • Awarded nearly $143,000 by The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to support the development of an interactive math exhibit focused on alleviating math anxiety • Served over 44,300 people in 2015—26% of the total—for free or deeply reduced cost through our Open Door Connections program • Donated close to $22,000 worth of passes and memberships to more than 450 nonprofits for their fundraisers • Were awarded $100,000 through Cummings Foundation’s “$100K for 100” program, to fund sensory-rich, fully accessible and inclusive paths through our Discovery Woods nature playscape • Launched our PLAY Matters marketing initiative to communicate to parents and caregivers the essential benefits of play • Hired our first outdoor/environmental educator, as part of our commitment to get more kids outside • Completed a year-long self-evaluation on accessibility as part of Mass Cultural Council’s UP program, setting the agenda for our future expansion plans • Offered five free nights of “Meet the Scientists” as part of our Science Communication Fellows professional development program.
Celebrating the Visionaries of The Discovery Museums
April 9, 2015

The Discovery Museums were celebrated last spring by thirty-five past and current members of the Board of Directors who have given many years of service to our community. Founder Don Verger shared stories of the Museums’ early days and expressed support for our plans for the future, and Carolyn Platt—a founding Board member who rejoined the Board in 2014—acknowledged all those whose leadership has supported Don’s vision for a place that inspires in children a love for science, nature, and art.

The founders of The Discovery Museums, 1982
“Discovery Woods will be an incredible new space that will delight and engage kids for decades to come. We are driven to build this special space because a generation of children are leading lives that are too sedentary. They are too detached from nature. They are too distant from the joy of the outdoors. We build Discovery Woods not to transform a museum, but to transform the lives of the families we serve.

Perhaps even more importantly, thanks to a commitment to universal design, Discovery Woods will be a place where all kids will experience the joys of outdoor exploration side-by-side.

Discovery Woods is Part One of our story. The next chapter will involve a more welcoming indoor space for our growing audience, featuring great new exhibits and fresh versions of old favorites. With these plans, we are making an investment that will ensure our value and relevance for decades to come. We are honored by and thankful for the support from those who have gotten us this far. We need our entire community to be with us to complete this story. We seek and welcome your continued support.”

—Neil Gordon, CEO of The Discovery Museums, at the Discovery Woods groundbreaking, October 2015
I can’t say enough about what an impact The Discovery Museums has on children and families across the state and New England.”

—Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge

The Manton Challenge

We are proud to report the successful completion of the $3 million Manton Challenge in December, 2015, a full year before the official deadline. Thanks to the many ways the Challenge inspired our community, we secured $1.8 million in new gifts to the Campaign for The Discovery Museums during the 2015 calendar year, making it the Museums’ most significant fundraising year, ever. Our profound thanks go to all of those individuals, foundations, and corporations that made this success possible.

In the words of Tom Beaudoin, our campaign chair and member of our Board of Directors, “We owe a debt of gratitude to The Manton Foundation, which started this campaign by presenting us with a challenge: raise $3 million and we will match it, one-to-one. Along the way, the Foundation trustees have been vocal in their support, unfailingly encouraging, and our biggest cheerleaders. That we are here tonight, breaking ground for Discovery Woods, is entirely due to their belief in The Discovery Museums.”

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$1,000,000+
The Manton Foundation

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For more information about the Campaign for The Discovery Museums, please contact Marie Beam, Chief Development Officer, at mbeam@discoverymuseums.org.
“Play is the highest form of research.”

—Albert Einstein
“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

—George Bernard Shaw

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Our Advisors

This list reflects all employees in 2015.
Thank You, Steve!

For the past ten years, Steve Roake was a constant, positive presence at The Discovery Museums. Steve retired at the end of 2015 from his position as Exhibit & Facilities Director, a title that doesn’t quite suggest the breadth of everything that Steve was responsible for: buildings, infrastructure, systems, grounds, exhibits, lighting, maintenance, and more.

Steve is a self-taught artist and craftsman. Whether painting the mural in Bessie’s Diner, building Bessie’s Cove, devising a way to hang a new mobile from the cupula, or fixing anything that broke, Steve had a can-do attitude and the talent to do a job well. In the last few years alone, he built our AirPlay, BackYard at Night, FETCH Cart, SoundLab, and Dream Green exhibits. Steve was also central to the planning of our upcoming Discovery Woods nature playscape and the renovation and expansion of our building.

Steve cared about our visitors and thought a lot about how they would interact with and enjoy exhibits. He also thought about how to make things indestructible, even for a six year-old! Steve was the glue—pun intended—that kept the museums together. We will miss his unassuming competence and wish him the very best in his retirement.