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2017 was a year of notable milestones for the Michigan Science Center as we launched our distance learning program, presented an international, award-winning exhibition and celebrated our 5th birthday. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our donors, members, volunteers and dedicated staff and board.

MiSci's strategic plan, MM2020, is focused on bringing the organization's vision statement – to empower and enrich all children and all communities with STEM – to life. Growing from just six counties five years ago, our Traveling Science Program brought STEM experiences to over 49 counties in Michigan last year and now has the capability to reach all 83 and beyond through ECHO, our distance learning platform. Our featured exhibition, *1001 Inventions: Untold Stories from a Golden Age of Innovation*, showcased the scientific contributions of a diverse group of scientists and inventors. From The STEMInista Project for girls, to After Dark for young adults, to free access days for all, MiSci is making STEM more accessible, engaging and relevant to curious minds of all ages.

It takes passion, commitment and teamwork to achieve these milestones and we could not have done it without you. It is with relentless optimism that we look forward to the next five years and we invite your help and participation as we continue to ignite STEM inspiration!

Thomas G. Stephens, P.E.

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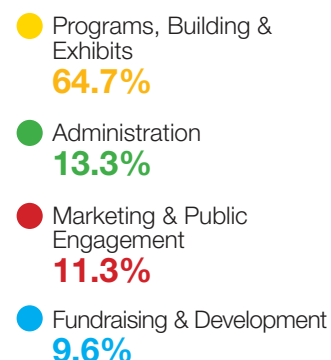
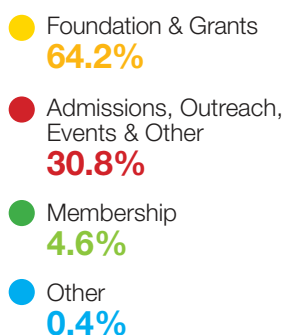
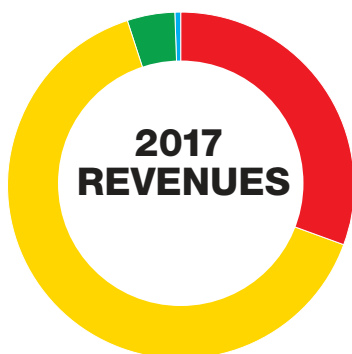


OUR MISSION

To inspire curious minds of all ages to discover, explore and appreciate science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in a creative, dynamic learning environment.

OUR VISION

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291,228
Total People Impacted

66,486
Reached through
Community Engagement

49
Counties Served

48,660
Attended a
Special Exhibit

1,063
STEMinistas
Enrolled

31,939
Free Access Day Attendees

3,253
Memberships Sold

58,023
School Group Attendees

92,003 Traveling Science Impact



MiSci STORIES



"Thank you Michigan Science Center! It has been such a gift to have the labs and the people come in to work with my students regarding science. It is so refreshing to see that people care about the youth and if they are getting that hands-on science that they so need and crave. My students look forward to the visits, they love and appreciate the teachers (Kevin, Mike or Charles) and they are happy to learn from someone new. I still see students with the backpacks and notepads they are given, some don't have backpacks so this is especially appreciated by them. I hope this program continues forever, it is so appreciated! It makes it possible for me to enrich my teaching...Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart."

- Mrs. Montemayor, 7th Grade Teacher, Wyandotte

From scientists to school kids to amateur stargazers, over 1,000 guests visited MiSci to view the solar eclipse and take part in programming revolving around the sun, space and science.





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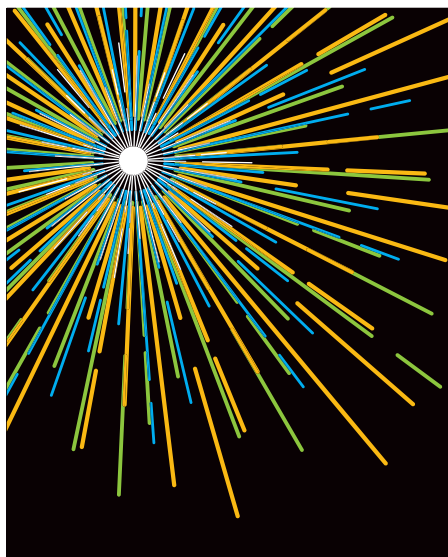


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Because of her generous gift, we can inspire more curious minds with STEM.



Walter Shapiro,
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