2018-2019 IMPACT REPORT

For the past 19 years, San Diego Children’s Discovery Museum has provided accessible, high-quality, hands-on learning for all San Diego children - regardless of restrictions. Through new partnerships, expansion of programs, and an ever-growing demand, we continue to transform the future of San Diego - one child at a time.

THE NEED

66% of San Diego’s elementary-age children are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

68% of San Diego County elementary schools are low-income (classified as Title-I).

No parent should have to choose between feeding their children and providing quality education.

PROVIDING ACCESS FOR ALL

8,644 Low-income patrons received subsidized $1 admission

13,516 Military family members received free admission

13,381 Low-income students and adults received scholarships

84 Schools served in 18 districts throughout San Diego

222 Low-income preschool families received free memberships

149,000 served on-site

21,000 served through mobile children’s museum

Record high attendance month

JULY 2018

15,284 visitors

Record high attendance day

MAY 25 2019

942 visitors

18 New educational programs & curriculum
including Bilingual Storytime, Extended Hours, Monday Sensory Friendly Mornings, Monthly TEAM Inspiration STEM Workshop, Mindful Family Night

6 Countries and cultures explored through our Roots cultural programs

9 New exhibits
FULFILLING OUR MISSION

WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAYING

The museum visit took our hands-on learning to the next level. Every child was completely engaged and saw immediate real time outcomes. They were fascinated by what they could achieve on their own. We could never have afforded this. Our families our enlisted military with few resources. Thank you so much for this!

- Stuart Mesa Elementary, Oceanside

I cannot thank you enough for the experience you provided our first grade classes. This type of hands-on exploration is not something our school is capable of providing. We serve a high population of refugee families and they have never experienced something like this before. The amount of joy was indescribable.

- Iffin Elementary School, City Heights

It was an amazing visit! The children were able to be creative and explore science and physics. Without the scholarship, we would not have been able to afford the visit. And the childrens’ parents cannot afford to take them on their own. The children were more excited than I have ever seen them before. They felt like they were playing the entire time while they were learning and exploring. Thank you!

- GG Berry Elementary, South Bay

44 Sensory friendly focused events served more than 637 special needs children and parents.

38 Interns mentored 13 college and 25 high school students (6 paid and 33 volunteer).

37 County and city libraries supported through Mobile Children’s Museum visits and free Family Check-Out Passes which provided 8,762 low-income children and parents free access to the Museum.


1st National recognition through Association of Children’s Museums and invitation to serve as a panelist at the National Children's Museum Conference. The Museum was recognized as a leader for our innovative Access for All initiative.

THE GROWING NEED

As the need for high-quality supportive education continues to grow, so does the demand for our services. With the help of community partners and generous donors, we will continue to bridge the gap by providing high-quality educational opportunities for ALL children.

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