In 2014, the Discovery Science Place entered into a formal partnership with the University of Texas at Tyler to provide support for the daily operations of the museum facility. This collaboration greatly enhances the operational and educational capabilities of the museum. UT Tyler provides access to equipment, knowledge, and manpower that supports our mission.

11,131 children came via school or organization field trips.

4,422 Family Memberships

516 camp registrations

12,014 visited “Return of the Dinosaurs”

608 visited through the “Museums for All” program.

1,422 total visitors to Discovery Science Place,

47,011 were children under the age of 13.

= 2,350 Kindergarten classes

40 camp scholarships awarded.

2018 FINANCIALS

SUPPORT REVENUE

DISCOVERY SCIENCE PLACE, INC.

- General Donations - 46%
- City of Tyler - 10%
- Sponsorships / Events & Exhibits - 9%
- Foundations - 26%

$303,965

EARNED REVENUE

UT TYLER

- Admissions - 58%
- Museum Store - 13%
- Memberships - 12%
- Passes & Rentals - 10%
- Camps - 8%

$700,030

OVERALL EXPENSES

- Programs & Exhibits - 36%
- General / Admin - 16%
- Maintenance / Operations - 23%
- Development - 10%
- Special Events - 8%
- Museum Share - 4%
- Marketing & PR - 3%

$914,711

6TH ANNUAL TYLER MAKER FAIRE

A day-long celebration of invention and creativity attracted 1,680 attendees to the Tyler Maker Faire on April 28. This event featured 50 individuals and groups who showcased their skills, from robotics to woodworking to crafting and so much more! Thanks to the support of the volunteer committee and the sponsors who help make this event possible.

DAY CAMPS

Eight weeks of summer camps were offered with themes including kitchen chemistry, robotics, and 3D printing. Individual winter and spring break day camps were also held.

EXHIBIT UPDATES

During the annual fall closing, several spaces were updated. CBS 19 completed a renovation of their exhibit and the new expanded Airways exhibit was also installed. Dozens of other upgrades and repairs were completed throughout the museum.

2018 GALA, “CHEERS TO 25 YEARS!”

On September 22, the 7th Annual Gala was held celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Gala co-chairs Barbara Shlottman and Patty Steelman helped make this a successful fundraiser for the museum, raising over $125,000 for our exhibits and programs! We were proud to honor Marilyn Abegg-Glass for her many years of dedication to the organization.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Museums for All was launched early in the year. This national program allows for reduced admission for families currently receiving SNAP or WIC assistance.
- STEM badge sessions with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas were expanded, offered at Discovery Science Place throughout the year.
- STEM Like a Girl was held in February, in partnership with AAUW Tyler and UT Tyler Engineering. This event is geared toward middle-school girls and is led by local female STEM professionals.
- Science Safari, a traveling version of the museum, was expanded and offered to Title 1 elementary schools in Smith County thanks to donor support.
A special thank you to our Discovery Circle

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