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children's museum of central oregon



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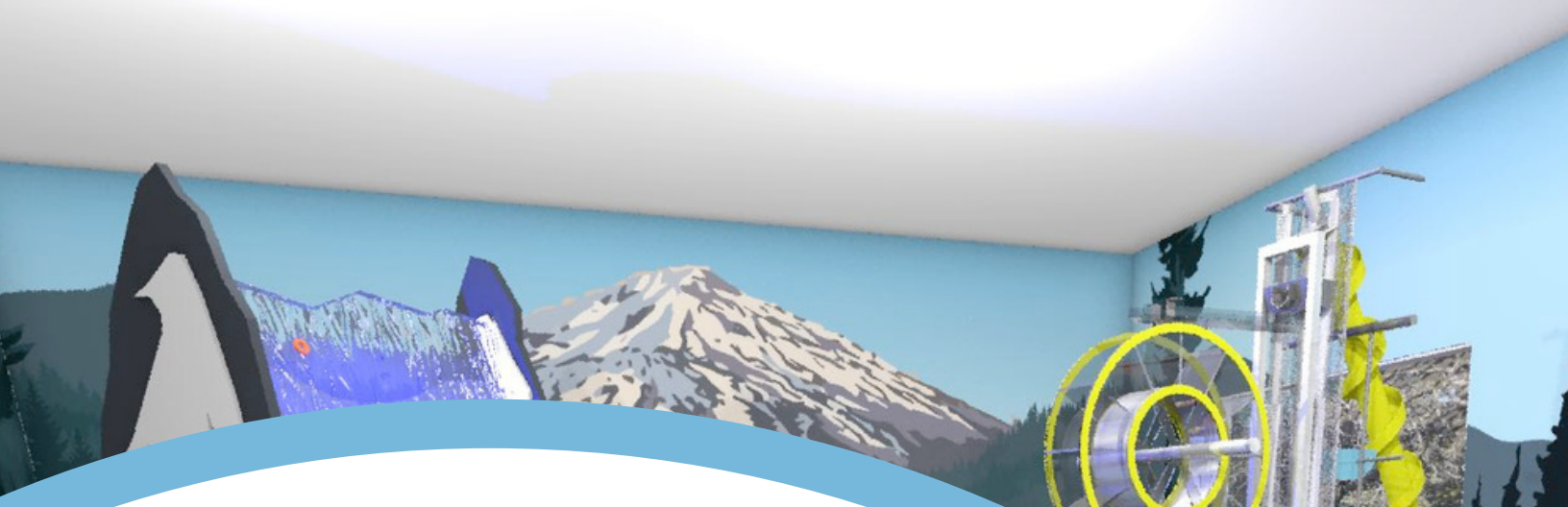


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UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

We are thankful for the community support and excitement we have received since launching our campaign to build a children's museum in Central Oregon. Since 2015 we have been a museum without walls providing interactive and educational experiences through Summer Camps, and pop-up events. It is time to build a museum WITH walls as we aim to be a resource for informal STEAM education in Central Oregon. Imagine a place where families learn together, forging a deep understanding of STEAM principles in an inquiry-driven environment. A place where curiosity and play go hand in hand, where children can explore STEAM principles in their own way, in an environment designed and built just for them. CMCO will be that place for Central Oregon families.

We believe strongly in the need for early childhood education and play-based learning opportunities for children. We are therefore taking a two-pronged approach to reimagining CMCO. We will focus on building a permanent home for the museum in Bend with access to other city centers in the region, while also re-launching our mobile museum and programming. The mobile museum will bring STEAM-based exhibits to schools, libraries, and communities throughout Central Oregon, eliminating the need for everyone to come into Bend and expanding access to these important resources.

We made some huge strides in 2023 including raising \$100,000 for our Visitor Experience Plan (VEP). We hosted multiple stakeholder events, a community forum, and community survey to solicit input and feedback on the vision for the museum. We attended seven different festivals and events over the summer with STEAM-based programming, and received a generous \$125,000 donation to secure the location for our permanent home. We are excited to continue this momentum in 2024 as we relaunch our summer camps, continue pop-up events and programming, purchase land for the museum, and launch our capital campaign to build!

We are thankful to everyone who has made our growth this year possible!

Respectfully,
CMCO Board of Directors

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IMPACT AT A GLANCE



800

names added to our
Newsletter



1000+

children & caregivers served at
outreach events



\$225,639

in revenue from grants and
individual donations



1

Location identified for
the permanent museum



3

meetings with **19** community
stakeholders



65

responded to the Visitor
Experience Plan survey



1

Visitor Experience Plan complete!

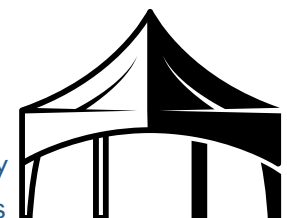


60

attended our community
forum

7

pop-up community
events in 5 months

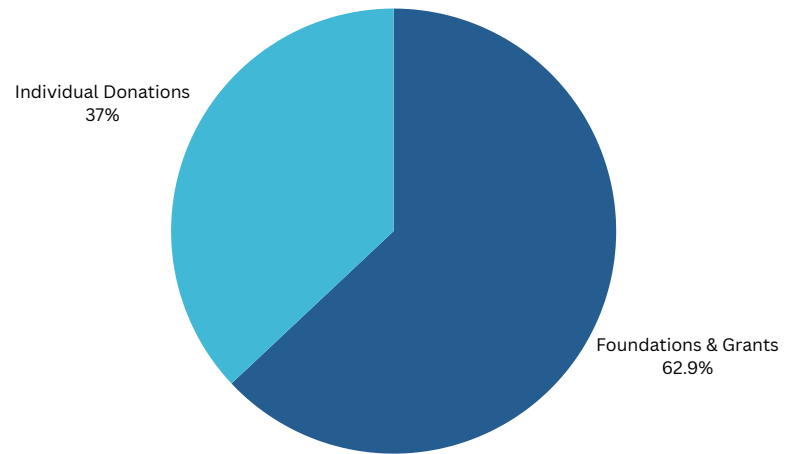
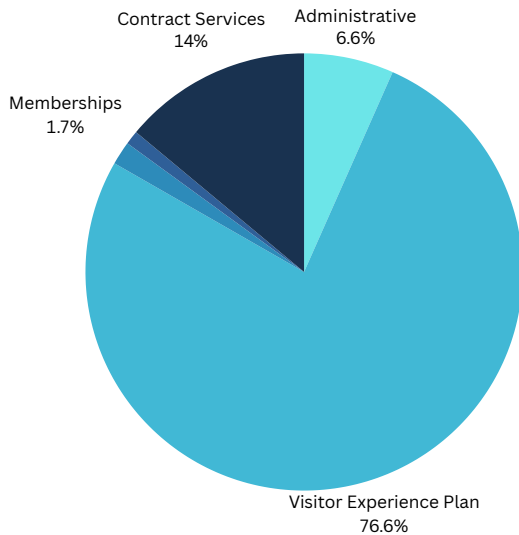


FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CMCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We envision a science-focused children's museum for Bend-area Central Oregon families, a place that awakens curiosity and inspires discovery through hands-on play and interactive exhibits. *Donations qualify for a charitable tax deduction.*

Revenue: \$225,639

Expenses: \$134,552



STEAM

POP-UP EVENTS

This year marked our STEAM-powered return to public programming. Our inaugural event was in May at the finish line of the Happy Girls Run race. Showcasing our brand-new Balls and Ramps exhibit, we witnessed both a pre-K student and a pair of 7th grade students engrossed in their own engineering projects within the same space and using the same materials. Right out of the gate, we had evidence of the broad appeal of our mission and observed that our intentionally designed hands-on activities engaged audiences of all ages and levels. With each event we attended from May to October, we provided new experiences in art and engineering, electronics and biology.

We attended the following events:

- Happy Girls Run
- Juneteenth Central Oregon
- Bend Summer Festival
- Central Oregon Maker Faire
- Bend Fall Festival
- Prineville Movies in the Park
- Heart of Oregon Corps: Endless Summer Nights

Last spring and summer, we created a dozen unique exhibits and attended seven community events. We met with and engaged hundreds of families. With each event, we heard your resounding enthusiasm for our collective vision to provide all Central Oregon children with access to hands-on STEAM learning and play. Thank you to everyone who has partnered with us, supported us, and played with our exhibits. We had a blast soaring, fluttering, balancing, and building with you. We look forward to more in 2024!



2023 DONORS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our vision this year. You are making an impact through your generous contributions.

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\$10,000+

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