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Community value
Community is vital to Explora, and we work to make Explora vital to the community. Through our Community Partner Membership Program, Explora disseminates no-cost museum memberships to families working with our partner schools and organizations. The program grew again this year, with record numbers of partner organizations and member families.

One of these member moms describes Explora as a safe place she and her children visit often. Membership means they can take their time thoughtfully engaging with just a few exhibits, knowing they can return to explore and learn more. She said that at Explora, the science her kids learn in school “comes alive.”

Partner organizations utilize memberships in creative ways. Inspirations, an organization that focuses on parenting skills and home-based therapy, brings their clients to Explora to teach important parenting skills such as engaging children in play, observing and coaching with leading questions, and discovering a child’s learning style. Moms from UNM’s Nurse-Family Partnership come to Explora to study for their GEDs while their toddlers explore, and therapists from the New Mexico School for the Blind & Visually Impaired bring toddlers to practice using their canes.

Members share that as parents they appreciate that Explora supports their efforts to offer great educational opportunities for everyone in their families. We’re building an enthusiasm for lifelong learning that continues to grow!

This year, Explora worked with over 100 different community partners and provided over 21,000 no-cost memberships to low-income families. Since 2004, Explora has provided 65,000 no-cost memberships to low-income families.
Partnering for Success


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Explora's Youth Intern Program continues to offer high-achieving, low-income high school students a 2½-year internship that includes job skills training, help with college preparation and application, and training to provide STEM programs for elementary school children.

Year-end operating cash and cash equivalents: $955,150

Expressed dollar allocations for fiscal year 2015-2016 from audited year-end financial reports

**Exhibits**
$487,233 13%

**Programs**
$487,233 13%

**General and administrative**
$908,574 23%

**Operations**
$872,350 23%

**Total expenses**
$3,861,033

**Total revenue**
$4,569,401

**Earned income**
$1,708,286 37%

**Foundations**
$592,277 13%

**Corporate gifts and grants**
$346,564 8%

**Individual contributions**
$107,138 2%

**Government**
$1,815,136 40%

**Other**
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*Includes program fees, admissions, memberships, rentals, and store sales

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Learning Impact

Explora educators worked from our home base in Albuquerque and from three regional hubs in Taos, Gallup, and Las Cruces to provide educational programs across New Mexico. They facilitate programs that bring science, math, and engineering principles to life through materials-rich, hands-on activities.

A former 2nd grade teacher who is now an Explora educator notes, “While I was teaching at Church Rock Elementary on the Navajo reservation, we arranged a field trip to Explora in Albuquerque for the entire second grade class. We had so many.chaparones sign up that our ratio of students to adults was 2:1! Since we had been studying soil, we chose a geology program and a guided exhibit tour.

Through the program was designed for older students, Explora adjusted the program so our youngsters could participate. It was so powerful for me to see students who often struggled in the classroom become completely engaged and excited about making scientific discoveries.”

She adds, “As school budgets tighten and field trip budgets get leaner, knowing that Explora offers these programs as low-cost outreach to schools has become especially important.”

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Partnering for Success


That describes Explora’s partnership and engagement strategy. Here are a few stories about partnering for success.

• Explora and the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Title I program continued our highly successful Family Science Nights series during 36 evenings at Explora for over 18,000 people: elementary school children, their extended families, and their principals and teachers. Explora worked with APS to develop coaching materials that help teachers and parents ask scientific inquiry questions and create analogies as they facilitate student science learning during the events. Over 500 teachers participated in professional development workshops on scientific inquiry prior to Family Science Nights this year.

• Explora and Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) worked together to provide more learning opportunities for early childhood care providers, offering them training in scientific inquiry techniques for working with young explorers, for which they received continuing education credits. CNM families can access Explora memberships at Carito Toy Lending Library, CNM South Valley Campus.

• Explora is a partner in Farming for Fuels, a project funded through the Department of Energy (DOE), in which several museums across the USA are developing hands-on activities that bring to life concepts about alternative, sustainable, and inexpensive energy sources, such as biofuels, solar power, and wind power.

“Thank you! We need more partners in education like Explora!”

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“This museum is second to NONE! What a gift, what a great place. Thank you!”

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Community value

Community is vital to Explora, and we work to make Explora vital to the community. Through our Community Partner Membership Program, Explora disseminates no-cost museum memberships to families working with our partner schools and organizations. The program grew again this year, with record numbers of partner organizations and member families.

One of these member moms describes Explora as a safe place she and her children visit often. Membership means they can take their time thoughtfully engaging with just a few exhibits, knowing they can return to explore and learn more.

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Partner organizations utilize memberships in creative ways. Inspirations, an organization that focuses on parenting skills and home-based therapy, brings their clients to Explora to teach important parenting skills such as engaging children in playful learning, observing and coaching with leading questions, and discovering a child’s learning style. Moms from UNM’s Nurse-Family Partnership come to Explora to study for their GEDs while their toddlers explore, and therapists from the New Mexico School for the Blind & Visually Impaired bring toddlers to practice using their canes.

Members share that as parents they appreciate that Explora supports their efforts to offer great educational opportunities for everyone in their families. We’re building an enthusiasm for lifelong learning that continues to grow!

This year, Explora worked with over 100 different community partners and provided over 21,000 no-cost memberships to low-income families. Since 2004, Explora has provided 65,000 no-cost memberships to low-income families.

“I love it here. #bestplaceever!”
Explora is an innovative experiential learning center that provides exhibit activities and interactive classroom programs to engage people of all ages with scientific variables and by engaging in shared learning. Everyone has an opportunity to develop their own ideas about what they are experiencing, and parents and teachers see their children as capable and interested learners.

What is Explora?
Science learners.

Explora is driven by our core values of Community, Learning, Generosity, and Sustainability.