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Annual Report
July 2010 – June 2011



“Perfection!
Brilliant!
Creative!
Educational!”

- Visitor's Comment



The Explora Experience

“How wonderful it is—all ideas come to this place for children and grown ups to touch. What’s more amazing is all the basic elements are being used so wisely! Discovery exploration is in every foot-step. ... Great place for kids to learn about science in a fun playful way.”

- Visitor's Comment

“Pienso que es extraordinaria la idea de Explora, un museo de investigación, creatividad y a la vez enseñanza para chicos y grandes. Es fabuloso contar con algo así. GRACIAS. ¡Es maravilloso aprender jugando y jugar y aprender!”

- Visitor's Comment

“This place puts a big smile on my face.”

- Visitor's Comment

Explora is a new kind of learning place, providing real experiences with real things that put people’s learning in their own hands. Explora is part science center, part children’s museum, part free-choice school, part grandma’s attic, part grandpa’s garage, part laboratory, part neighborhood full of interesting people, and part of many people’s lives.

Currently, Explora serves more than 230,000 people a year, and presents over 2,100 educational programs to more than 69,000 students from schools and other organizations. Since 2004 Explora has provided over 15,700 Helping Hand memberships at no cost to families whose children qualified for free or reduced-price school lunches. Explora has collaborated on projects with more than 50 other organizations, including local non-profits, science centers and children’s museums from around the country, universities, libraries, senior centers, and city community centers.

Explora is a place where families can get to know each other better, learn together, and share new experiences of the basic processes and materials investigated and used by science, technology and art. Explora’s exhibit activities engage people of all ages with small-scale materials and equipment in personal spaces where family and friends can communicate comfortably with each other, manipulate a wide range of physical variables, and develop their own thinking about what they are experiencing.

Community Involvement

Community is one of Explora's core values, and we work hard to contribute to the community in which we live. This year Explora offered 3,307 no-cost Helping Hand family memberships to low-income families, to ensure that everyone in our community can experience Explora and contribute to the relationships developed here. Explora also participated with a variety of community organizations this year on a number of projects.

Explora worked with KNME-TV on a Science Crawl for middle school students and on a Science Café for the public at Explora. Explora educators served as judges for a number of community science fairs, including the Home School Science Fair, NWNM Regional Science Fair and others. We also partnered with Sigma Xi at UNM to present their science fair awards. In a new collaboration between Explora and the Albuquerque Chamber Soloists, students experienced a musical performance and a science exploration on sound. Other ways in which we worked with our neighbors in the community included: family events at the Mexican Consulate; Celebra la Ciencia at the NM State Fair; Teacher Open House; Museum Cooperative Council; Women and Creativity Month; PNM Zia Solar Car Day; a celebration of Christa McAuliffe at the Challenger Center; hosting The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) and HAM radio operators at Explora *Adult Nights*; TAAS's Telescope Amnesty Day; the Albuquerque Public Schools' chess tournament; and programs at Cuidando los Niños.



Explora collaborated with the National Hispanic Cultural Center to provide week-long summer day camps along the bosque. In addition, the following organizations participated in Explora programs this summer: Boys and Girls Clubs of Albuquerque, Gallup, and Aztec; Parks and Recreation programs from the City of Albuquerque and Belen; UNM Children's Campus; UNM Upward Bound and UNM Family Housing; City of Albuquerque and City of Santa Fe Community Centers; Albuquerque and Shiprock YMCA programs; and others.

NM MESA continued to be an important partner this year. Explora contracted with MESA to develop challenges at their regional and state competitions. Explora educators traveled all over the state facilitating these competitions and working with MESA students and advisors.

Explora values our mutual commitments with other community organizations, in an effort to create science-rich learning experiences for all New Mexicans.



"I really love Explora. It is one of my favorite places to come. I come almost every Saturday. Thank you so much."

- Visitor's Comment



"You've changed my life!"
- Visitor's Comment



"Es una experiencia formidable para el aprendizaje de los niños. Tenemos que pensar en hacer mas lugares como este. Sigamos trabajando para lograrlo".
- Visitor's Comment



Explora Receives Nation's Highest Honor for Museums, for Service to the Community

Explora was one of five museums and five libraries nationwide to receive the prestigious 2010 *National Medal for Museum and Library Service*, along with an award of \$10,000 in recognition of its extraordinary civic, educational, economic and social contributions. The medal is the nation's highest honor for the 17,500 museums and 123,000 libraries in the United States.

Recipients of the National Medal are selected based upon their sustained commitment and outstanding contributions to the communities they serve. According to Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Acting Director Marsha L. Semmel, "This year's National Medal winners are serving their communities across the country with innovative and creative new approaches to lifelong learning, commitment to addressing diverse community problems, plain old hard work and a lot of heart. Many of our winners have evolved and grown ... to empower and enrich the lives of their community members by cultivating understanding and openness. ... They serve as the nation's role models."

Explora's community involvement includes its *Classroom Explorations* initiative in which Explora has developed more than 200 science programs. Explora programs have traveled to every county in New Mexico and have served 86 of the state's 89 school districts. Building on school curricula, these programs

aim to improve STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education for every child they reach. Teachers note a difference in students' understanding of complex scientific subjects with this support. One educator noted, "As we discuss various scientific concepts, [my students] now have a quicker, more accurate grasp because of the hands-on activities you provided." Understanding the critical importance of engaging families, not just children, in scientific activity, Explora created *Family Science Nights* for Title I schools, in which students, teachers, principals and extended family members investigate Explora's multi-outcome exhibits and follow their own lines of thinking in a safe, bilingual environment.

Explora has developed a worldwide reputation for developing small-scale exhibits with transactive qualities, in which the user and the exhibits can change in unexpected ways. With a goal of inclusiveness, exhibits include hands-on materials, approachable for all ages, in comfortable semi-private spaces to promote prolonged engagement, focused and thoughtful inquiry, and easy conversation. In these comfortable spaces, people conduct their own experiments, ideas flow freely and multi-generational collaboration and lifelong science learning thrive.

"Woo! Our first time here! Too much to do. It's almost more fun for the adults than the kids! We've been to children's/science/interactive museums across the country and this is probably the best one I've ever seen. Thanks for the experience!"

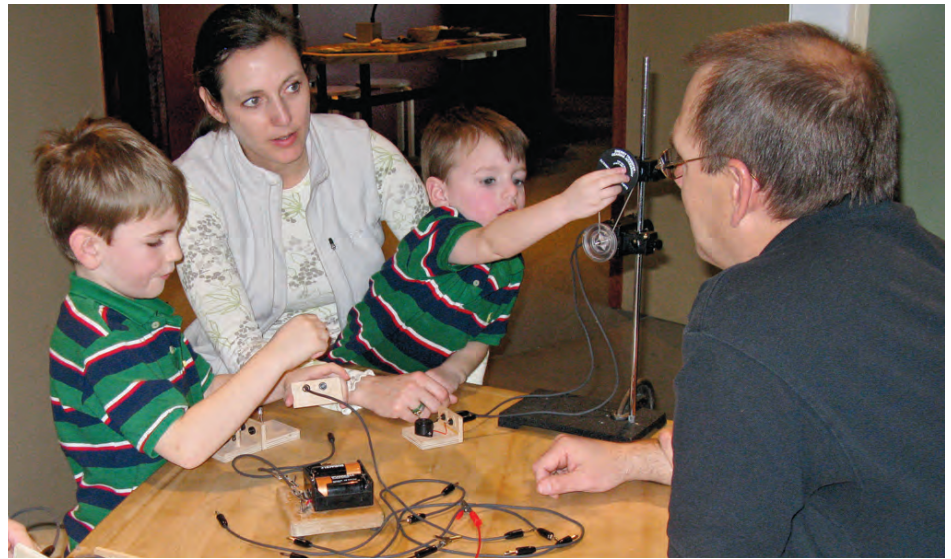
- Visitor's Comment

NSF-funded PoP Project Receives ASTC Award

Nearly fifty scientists from Sandia National Labs, UNM and Intel have participated in Explora's National Science Foundation-funded *Portal to the Public (PoP)* project over the past three years, attending a four-part professional development workshop series and sharing materials-based activities related to their current work with Explora visitors. This year *PoP* public programs continued every other month and gave visitors the opportunity to explore topics like nanotechnology, materials science, magnetic levitation, fluorescence, allergens and more.

At their 2010 annual conference in October, the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC), awarded the *PoP* project the *Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award for Visitor Experience*.

This annual award is granted to institutions showing extraordinary leadership in developing experiences that not only enhance the performance of their own institutions, but also significantly advance the mission of science-technology centers around the world.



The *Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award* recognizes the *PoP* project for the unique and effective way it engages scientists in face-to-face interactions with public audiences. This prestigious award highlights the outstanding contributions made by the participating organizations (the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, Explora, the North Museum of Natural History in Lancaster, PA, and the Institute for Learning Innovation in Annapolis, MD) to their communities, states, nation and to their international colleagues.

Explora is grateful to our *PoP* scientists for taking the time to engage with the community about the science happening every day in Albuquerque, and is proud to have earned national recognition for this outstanding collaboration.



"Lo que yo pienso es que es muy padre y fantástico. Me gustaron mucho las actividades".

- Visitor's Comment

"LOVE IT! Just as much fun for we kids over 20!"

- Visitor's Comment

Reaching out to schools and communities



Education

Students from all over New Mexico experienced Explora this year. School groups from cities, towns and pueblos around the state visited Explora to participate in *Exhibit Explorations* and classroom programs like “Forced into Action,” in which students investigated Newton’s laws of motion, and “Crazy Light,” in which students explored light boxes, lenses, mirrors and colored filters. More than 69,000 students participated in over 2,100 Explora programs this year.

For students who couldn’t travel, the Explora vans were busy bringing a number of outreach programs such as *Classroom Explorations* to schools across the state.

Participants in Explora programs spanned all age groups. Our youngest learners participated in *Toddler Time* and in *Growing a Scientist™*, a semester-long program for preschoolers and their adult caregivers. In addition to the five weekly sessions offered at Explora, *Growing a Scientist* expanded into two Albuquerque public schools this year. *Science to Grow On™* continued for students in kindergarten through third grade, as did seven weekly sessions of the *Home School Exploration Series*. Adult learners from CNM, the NMSU School of Social Work, and the UNM College of Education participated in Explora’s programs for adults, as did many others who enjoyed the Explora Theater’s production of *After Darwin* by Timberlake Wertenbaker. Elders at the Laguna Rainbow Center

“I think you guys are awesome—
you are my education role model.”

- Visitor’s Comment

continued their monthly Explora science club, and thousands of adults participated in Explora’s *Adult Nights*.

The after-school hours were also busy for Explora staff members. Two after-school clubs were facilitated on-site, *Robo Task Force* and *Niñas explorando la ciencia*, and Explora continued weekly after-school outreach programs through its partnership with Rio Rancho Public Schools’ SAFE program. Explora collaborated with the APS Title I program to provide *Family Science Nights* at Explora for families attending Title I, Provision 2 schools. Over 10,157 students and family members participated in *Family Science Nights* this year.

Thousands of people also joined us for birthday parties and summer camp programs. Camp topics included “Microscopic Science,” “Motors and More,” “Newton’s Toy Box,” “Fantastic Fluids,” “Pintado con la luz” and more. *Overnight Camp-Ins* continued to be popular with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, with participants from as far away as Hooper, CO.

Many teachers and pre-service teachers participated in professional development opportunities at Explora, including workshops on inquiry science for pre-service teachers in the UNM College of Education and for the “Scientifically Connected Teachers” group through NMSU in Las Cruces.



"Me gustó mucho. Quiero venir a este lugar todos los días!"

- Visitor's Comment

"I love this place! I could stay here for HOURS! Thanks to the person who had the idea to make this place! I learn a lot here!"

- Visitor's Comment

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Youth Intern Program

The *Youth Intern Program* at Explora prepares high-achieving, low-income teens to educate younger children through programs in science, technology and art. After working with Explora educators to learn several *Classroom Explorations*, the youth interns provided these *Explorations* to students in City of Albuquerque after-school programs and through a partnership with Alice King Community School. The interns also facilitated these programs for family groups at Explora during the teens' weekend *Adventures in Science* programs. This year the teens contributed to their community by participating in the Carnuel Parade and Fiesta, Cosmic Carnival, and South Valley Pride Day, where the teens set up a mobile learning environment they designed and built through a National Science Foundation-funded project.

Supporting the students' job performance and helping them enroll in higher education is another commitment of the *Youth Intern Program*. Staff mentors provide a variety of support and opportunities for the interns; for example, this year the teens experienced the Ropes Course at UNM and a program from CNM focused on careers in photonics and microsystems technologies. The interns' work was celebrated this spring during a ceremony marking the passage of new interns into the program and of seniors graduating on to college.

Each year the *Youth Intern Program* offers inquiry-based educational



programs for thousands of young children, opens a gateway for low-income high school youth to aspire beyond their economic limitations and fulfills Explora's mission.

"The *Youth Intern Program* at Explora ... has helped me grow as a student and a person. This program has opened doors in my education that I've never thought possible. I have been able to learn in a different setting other than school ... this program has allowed me to interact with those I would not normally interact with. My parents also appreciate the program, because they see that I am interested in science much more. I have been able to grow as a teacher and help to further Explora's goals."

- Stephanie Sisneros, Youth Intern

"This program is a lot of fun. The classes, camps and pretty much all of work is great, and I'm glad I get the opportunity to help. ... Working with and teaching children is one of the reasons work is so much fun. ... The things I learn at Explora, I use in my regular daily life. I can take these things home to show my friends and family. I love Explora and the opportunities the *Youth Intern Program* gives to me."

- Jasmine Prieto, Youth Intern

"The *Youth Intern Program* is great, because you gain so many helpful people and speaking skills. You also obtain the feeling of leadership when you're teaching. The staff works with you on interview skills to help you improve them. I have gained experience that I will always be able to use. It's great to work in a place where everybody is happy and knows your name."

- James Whatley, Youth Intern



"Awesome hands-on activities. Very amazing and with endless experiments and activities."

- Visitor's Comment





“Explora is an amazing place!
Ten stars. I love it. Perfect
place for family, friends,
even a simple date. =) =)”

- Visitor's Comment



“Pienso que fue muy divertido venir a
este lugar. Está muy lindo, a mis niños
les gustó mucho por la confianza y
libertad que hay. Gracias”.

- Visitor's Comment



Exhibits

Explora is partnering in a National Science Foundation-funded project to create hands-on math exhibits. Collaborators include the Science Museum of Minnesota, North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Museum of Science in Boston and two research organizations, the Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education at San Diego State University and Technical Education Resource Centers (TERC) in Massachusetts.

These exhibits focus on pre-algebra math experiences related to the concepts of ratio and proportion. They are being designed to enable people of all ages to experiment with materials and develop ideas about ratio and proportion in a creative, supportive and pressure-free environment.

Some of the exhibit prototypes designed and built by Explora involve balance, drawing proportional geometric shapes, creating elaborate patterns using gears of different ratios and comparing frequencies of spinning disks. During this four-year project, Explora prototypes will continue to be tested at both Explora and the Science Museum of Minnesota prior to the exhibit opening.

Explora was invited to participate in this national project in part because the partnering organizations see value in Explora's ways of developing transactive experiences and creating focused and thoughtful learning environments for visitors.

Projects like this provide revenue, inspiration and collaborations that help Explora develop interesting new exhibits and programs for visitors to learn and enjoy.

This new exhibit area *Math Moves!; Movidas matemáticas!* is scheduled to open in February of 2012.

"I feel like a child prodigy."
- Visitor's Comment

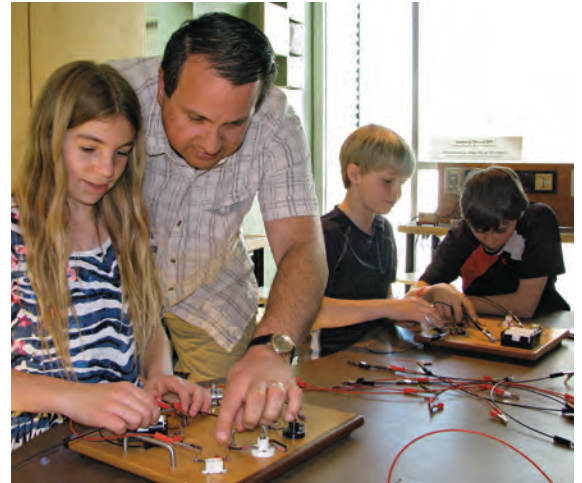


"Me gustó mucho. Muy interesante y educativo. ¡Felicidades!"
- Visitor's Comment



At Explora we regularly add to and rotate exhibit activities. We strive to continually change exhibit activities to keep experiences fresh for our visitors. Staff members work to design exhibits which allow for different experiences with each exhibit activity, even after multiple visits. This is possible, in part, by making a wide range of tools and materials available for visitors.

This year saw the return of the revitalized *Descargas, corrientes y circuitos*/Charges, Currents and Circuits exhibit area and the addition of new exhibit activities relating to water, magnetism and linkages.



"[The Thinker]
I'm thinkin... I'm thinkin... I'm thinkin...
This museum totally rocks. Always something to do.
Always something to ponder."
- Visitor's Comment



"Explora makes ABQ
a better place to live."

- Visitor's Comment



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"Un lugar ideal para niños y mayores, educacional.
Gracias New Mexico".

- Visitor's Comment

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"As one who has worked in the education field
on and off, this is one of the best education
experiences I've ever had."

- Visitor's Comment



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"We used to live in Belen and this was one of our favorite place to come. We drove here from CO because we let my 5 year old son pick where he wanted to go on a short vacation and he said 'EXPLORA'!"

- Visitor's Comment

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"Very neat for the kids. Actually using their hands instead of running a remote! Need more of these in our country."

- Visitor's Comment

"Explora is the best place in the world, no—universe!"

- Visitor's Comment

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"This the most awesome children's interactive museum I have ever seen! Albuquerque has a lot to be proud of in this facility."

- Visitor's Comment



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- Visitor's Comment

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"I really enjoy that our whole family can participate in all the activities here. My kids really love coming here. And I can appreciate all the polite & helpful staff!"

- Visitor's Comment



Galileo Society and da Vinci Society



New da Vinci Society member,
Kay Collins



New Galileo Society member,
Paul Tatter

"In the history of all things made
for kids, Explora is the greatest!"

- Visitor's Comment

The Galileo Society was established by the Board of Directors of Explora to recognize and honor those who make a significant financial contribution to Explora of \$25,000 or more.

The Galileo Society is named for Galileo Galilei, who was born in 1564, the same year as Shakespeare, and who died in 1642, the year Isaac Newton was born. Galileo, a mathematician, astronomer, physicist and philosopher, was the founder of modern experimental science. His contributions to science and understanding of the physical universe changed the world forever.

The Galileo Society recognizes those who help Explora bring scientific understanding to our community and its families.

Galileo Society

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The da Vinci Society is named for Leonardo da Vinci, who was born in 1452 and who became the icon of the Renaissance. Da Vinci, a scientist, engineer and artist, made contributions to sculpture, painting, anatomy, physiology, medicine, natural history, optics, acoustics, astronomy, botany, geology, hydraulics and mathematics.

The da Vinci Society recognizes those who help Explora bring the diversity of human experiences in science, technology and art to our community and its families.

da Vinci Society

Don and Dianne Chalmers
Kay Collins
Matt and Pauline Gubbels
Deborah Peacock and Nathan Korn
Elizabeth R. Quinn





“Yo pienso que Explora es un lugar de pura ciencia y cosas para explorar y lo recomendaría porque es algo importante”.

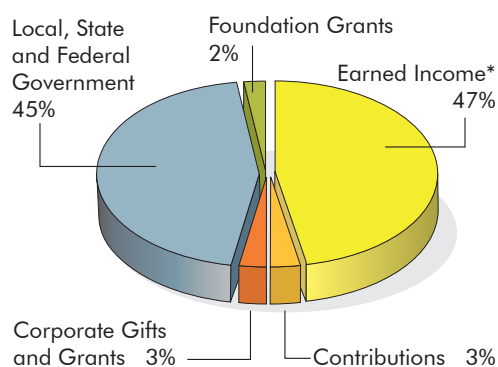
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“This place was amazing! Although I've been here before I never tire of all the things that can spike my imagination here.”

- Visitor's Comment

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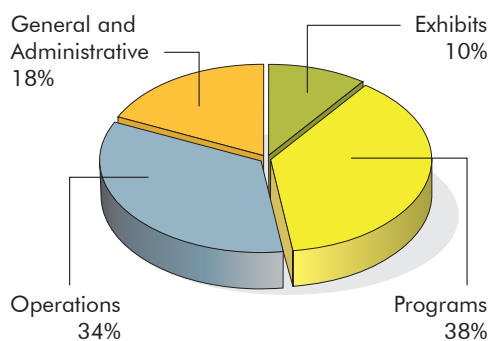
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Revenues

Earned Income*	\$1,635,844
Foundation Grants	\$70,608
Corporate Gifts and Grants	\$122,813
Contributions	\$92,430
Local, State and Federal Government	\$1,596,094
Total Revenue	\$3,517,789

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



Functional Expenses

Exhibits	\$360,169
Programs	\$1,332,770
Operations	\$1,189,744
General and Administrative Costs	\$637,855
Total Expenses	\$3,520,538
Net	(\$2,749)

Year-End Operating Cash and Cash Equivalents** \$341,253

**Includes temporarily and permanently restricted fund balances



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Volunteers

Volunteers continue to be an integral part of Explora. Currently volunteers can be found in every work group, whether they are helping visitors enjoy the exhibits, assisting educators in the labs or taking part in theater explorations. Sometimes they work behind the scenes, providing support for facilities, exhibits, or the administrative and external relations offices. Local scientists continue to volunteer in the *Portal to the Public* program.

This year 218 volunteers have donated 16,000 hours to Explora. Some of our volunteers are students from service learning programs at Central New Mexico Community College, the University of New Mexico, Colorado College and many Albuquerque area high schools.

Explora has active volunteers associated with Youth Development, Inc., City of Albuquerque Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, ARCA, City of Albuquerque Job Mentor Program, and Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Explora is very appreciative and proud to have such strong support from our community.

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