



Annual
Report
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Explora:

creating opportunities
for inspirational discovery and
the joy of lifelong learning
through interactive experiences
in science, technology and art.



"Explora is a treasure and its staff makes it an even greater one. We have loved this place since our now-teen was an infant. None of us has outgrown it yet! . . . it matters a lot to feel welcomed and valued."

- Visitor's Comment

"Congratulations on an absolutely first-class learning experience."

- Visitor's Comment



The Explora Experience

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.

"The combination of fun and science is genius!"

- Visitor's Comment

Currently, Explora serves more than 220,000 people a year, and presents over 2,200 educational programs to more than 69,000 students from schools and other organizations. Since 2004 Explora has provided over 12,400 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.



"Es bueno tener lugares como estos para que nosotros, como padres, conozcamos mejor a nuestros hijos y tengamos tiempo de convivir. Y al mismo tiempo pasemos un rato muy agradable. ¡¡Gracias!!".

- Visitor's Comment

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.



"What I think of Explora is if I could be here every minute, second, or day I would come. Your bestest friend."

- Visitor's Comment

Community Involvement

Explora values the diverse community in which we live. We support mutual commitments with other community organizations in an effort to create science-rich learning experiences in an environment of comfort and belonging. Explora participated with many community organizations this year on a wide variety of projects.

Explora continued its collaboration with the National Hispanic Cultural Center this summer to offer week-long day camp programs along the bosque. In addition, Explora provided a variety of programs to local organizations during the summer break from school: Boys and Girls Clubs of Albuquerque, Gallup, Chimayo and Pojoaque; City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation programs; UNM Children's Campus; UNM Upward Bound; UNM Black Student Union; YMCA programs; Kirtland Youth Program; Isleta Recreation Center; Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute's Science Academy; and others.

NM MESA continued to be an important partner this year. Explora worked with MESA to develop the On-Site Science and On-Site Surprise challenges at the regional and state competitions. Explora educators traveled all over the state facilitating these competitions and working with MESA students and advisors.

Other ways in which Explora worked with our neighbors in the community this year included



programs for families at Cuidando los Niños; Albuquerque Youth Day at the Albuquerque BioPark; family events at the Mexican Consulate; Celebra la Ciencia at the New Mexico State Fair; a family science event at Carrie Tingley Hospital; the "She's an Astronomer" program; Grants Annual Cultural Fair; Teacher Open House; Women & Creativity Month; Roswell Goddard Days; KNME Science Café; South Valley Pride Day; NWNM Regional Science Fair; PNM Zia Solar Car Day; International Year of Astronomy and other programs with The Albuquerque Astronomical Society; and Intel Family Day. Explora also hosted meetings and programs with Art in the Schools, Citizen Schools and the Albuquerque Theater Guild.

"Community" is one of Explora's core values. This year Explora has provided over 3,700 Helping Hand family memberships at no cost to low-income families in New Mexico, so they can access quality learning opportunities and become part of the Explora community.

"Gracias por tener la información bilingüe. Por eso nos encanta venir porque entendemos todo lo que hacemos. Y ¡felicidades! Su lugar es estupendo".

- Visitor's Comment



"This is an absolutely amazing place. Something for everyone from 1 to 101. All the helpers and volunteers are so pleasant and helpful. The educational value alone is priceless."

- Visitor's Comment

Explora's Quiet and Growing Role



"You'd think that the individual wonder here would become familiar and cease to be amazing after so many visits. But no, Explora remains fresh and new and inspiring."

- Visitor's Comment



"It rejuvenates the spirit and enthusiasm for learning."

- Visitor's Comment



Over the past decade Explora has quietly and increasingly supported the educational aspirations of children and adults, families, schools and organizations in and around Albuquerque and in many other cities, towns and rural areas of New Mexico. Explora has greatly expanded the breadth and depth of its community service. In 2003 it served 40,000 people and provided 200 educational programs, mostly for young students. By 2009 it was serving 220,000 people and providing 2,600 programs for people of all ages.

Beginning with five students in 2004, Explora's *Youth Intern Program* now annually prepares 30 high school students to provide science programming for children and adults. The interns also staff Explora's *Learning Place*, a mobile mini-Explora that can visit parks and festivals. Explora now provides six programs each week for home-schooled students. There is a monthly science club for elders 54 to 101 years old at the Laguna Rainbow Center. The *Growing a Scientist™* program for preschool children and their caregivers has grown from one session to 12 semester-long sessions each year and has spawned a program for its graduates: *Science to Grow On™*.

Exhibit-based activities have grown from *Toddler Time* on Monday mornings to *Adult Night* every other month and *Family Science Night* for Title I schools every other week during the school year. Over 9,000 students and family members participated in *Family Science Nights* this year. Explora collaborates as a venue for mission-related activities of organizations like The Albuquerque Astronomical Society, New Mexico Adoption Exchange, UNM Children's Hospital Cancer Center and the Albuquerque Chamber Soloists.

Over the last seven years Explora has expanded its capacity to provide professional development for a wide range of in-service and pre-service professionals including community center staff, elementary and high school teachers, preschool and Head Start teachers, art teachers, scientists from local laboratories, university researchers and graduate students, and science center and museum professionals from around North America. In collaboration with the UNM College of Education, Explora provides a post-graduate summer immersion program for teaching science in Spanish. Through professional development, Explora helps others in the community to expand their capacity for inquiry-based learning.



“Explora es realmente muy interesante para los niños y los adultos también, se aprende mucho acerca de muchas cosas diferentes. ¡Los felicito!
—una familia de Costa Rica”.

- Visitor's Comment



Small scale exhibits from Explora travel to libraries and community centers in rural towns and tribal communities all over New Mexico. Explora's educators also travel all over the state with *Classroom Explorations* programs. Altogether, Explora has provided programs to every county in New Mexico and to 86 of New Mexico's 89 school districts. Beginning with 36 *Explorations* programs in 2003, Explora now offers 207 different classroom programs, most of which can be provided in Spanish or English.

Explora has broadened its community participation with music and theater. Explora's band plays sing-along science songs for schools and special events like Sandia Labs Family Day, *Family Science Night*, a county fair and the international science center conference. While continuing its decade-long presentations of one-act plays for students, in 2007, with productions of Čapek's *R.U.R.* and Brecht's *Galileo*, the Explora Theater began to present full-length science or math related plays each year. This year's plays were *The Water Engine* by David Mamet and *Partition* by Ira Hauptman.

Explora has participated in National Science Foundation-funded projects every year since 2004. These projects have provided science curriculum and materials for City of Albuquerque

community centers, new concepts for inventive engineering exhibit activities, projects connecting teens with community outreach and teens with scientists, pre-algebra math exhibits, and the award-winning *Portal to the Public* program, through which cohorts of local scientists participate in a nine-month workshop series and develop activities related to their work. The scientists share their activities with the public on Explora's exhibit floor during weekend programs.

Every year, science center professionals from other states and countries come to Albuquerque to experience Explora in action. Explora has a growing reputation for innovation in exhibits, programs and community engagement. In January 2010, Explora was nominated for the National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries. Explora is having a far-reaching effect on lifelong learning in New Mexico, and has quietly grown to support innovative science education around the nation and the world.

“This place truly creates an atmosphere of learning.”

- Visitor's Comment

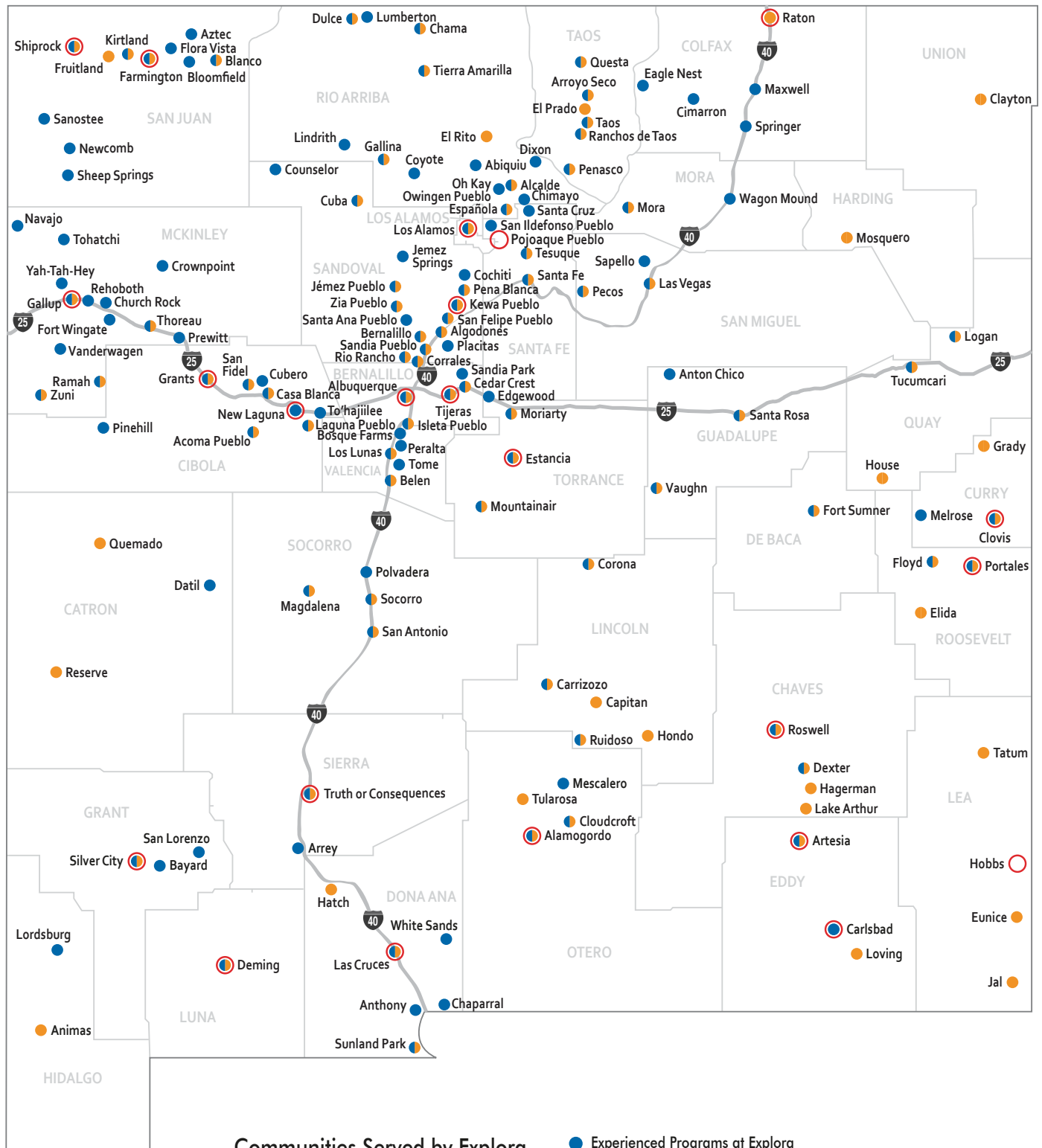
“A refuge for imagination!”

- Visitor's Comment



Explora Serves New Mexico

Reaching out to schools and communities



Communities Served by Explora
January 2004 – June 2010

- Experienced Programs at Explora
- Explora Program Outreach Sites
- Explora Exhibit Outreach Sites

"Explora is a place for everyone!"

- Visitor's Comment

"This is wonderful. A lot of real science experiments. Perfect place to educate children and adults."

- Visitor's Comment



Education

This year school groups from all over the state participated in Explora's *Exhibit Explorations* and classroom programs, like "Möbius Twist," in which students investigated topology and explored the geometry of Möbius strips, "Ecology of the Forest," in which students tested soil samples for absorption and percolation, and "Good Vibrations," where students experimented with vibrations to learn how sound is produced. Of the more than 69,000 students who participated in Explora programs this year, some were from as far away as El Paso, TX, Trinidad, CO and Window Rock, AZ.

Participants in Explora classroom programs spanned all age groups. Our youngest learners participated in *Growing a Scientist*, a semester-long program for preschoolers and their adult caregivers. In addition to nine semester-long sessions offered at Explora, *Growing a Scientist* expanded into Albuquerque Public Schools this year, with bilingual programs at Kit Carson, Armijo and Valle Vista Early Head Start sites. *Science to Grow On* continued for students in kindergarten through third grade, as did six weekly sessions of the *Home School Exploration Series* for home school students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Adult learners

from Barclay College in Kansas, the Art Center Design College, Silver Sneakers, Transitional Living Services and other organizations participated in Explora's programs for adults.

Two after-school clubs were facilitated on-site for fourth through eighth graders: *Robo Task Force* and *Niñas explorando la ciencia*. Explora partnered with the Educational Equity Center to help facilitate the After-School Math PLUS program at the Native American Community Academy. Explora also facilitated weekly after-school science programs at Puesta del Sol Elementary School in Rio Rancho and at the Academia de Lengua y Cultura in Albuquerque.

Many teachers, pre-service teachers, community center staff members and museum professionals participated in professional development opportunities with Explora educators. Explora provided workshops on inquiry science for the faculties at Kirtland and Los Padillas Elementary Schools, for teachers of the arts in Roswell, for after-school staff at the Native American Community Academy and Rio Rancho Public Schools, and for early childhood educators at Albuquerque Public Schools.



"Explora is good because we get to learn about insects and water and cool stuff like music."

- Visitor's Comment



"Pienso que este lugar es bueno para los niños. Los ayuda a crear ideas. Gracias por pensar en ellos".

- Visitor's Comment

"Love this place! What an asset to our community!"

- Visitor's Comment



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"This place is CRAZY AWESOME!"
- Visitor's Comment

Youth Intern Program

Hundreds of young children and their families were affected directly this year by the work of Explora's thirty teen interns. The *Youth Intern Program* prepares high-achieving, low-income teens to educate elementary school 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 to family groups at Explora during the teens' weekend *Adventures in Science* programs. The teens also facilitated activities on Explora's exhibit floor and at events such as the Carnuel Parade and Fiesta, the Cosmic Carnival, and the Young Child Celebration and Resource Fair. The teens set up a mobile learning environment they designed and built through a National Science Foundation-funded project, *Learning Places*, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center and for the South Valley Pride Day. During another NSF-funded project, *Science Firsthand*, teens worked with local scientists who partnered with them on scientific investigations.

An Explora staff member is assigned to every youth intern to serve as a mentor, supporting the student's job



performance and helping the student enroll in higher education. Mentors accompanied the interns to Denver as they visited universities and got behind-the-scenes museum tours. The interns' work was celebrated during a ceremony marking the passage of new interns into the program and of seniors graduating on to college.

"Being a youth intern has changed the way I think about things, about life. This job isn't just about getting paid. It helps you learn different ways of doing things or approaching a problem. It's definitely changed the way I think about science and has led me to be interested in a scientific profession."

- Amanda Chavez, Youth Intern

"I used to be really shy and not talk to people, but the *Youth Intern Program* has brought me out of my shell. From interacting with so many visitors on the exhibit floor and in the classroom programs, I've become the first one to speak most of the time!"

- Karen Enriquez, Youth Intern

"Explora truly opened up many views that before I wouldn't have seen. The kids who attend summer camp at Explora come from all different backgrounds (some even from Spain and Russia!), and I've learned so much from them during my time as a summer camp assistant. I know this experience working with children will be valuable in my future."

- Joe Rosetta, Youth Intern



"Es bien divertido para los niños para que les abra la mente a cosas interesantes y divertidas".

- Visitor's Comment



"I am so, so, so happy."

- Visitor's Comment

"This is the best thing since sliced bread. We spent 4 hours learning and to do that with a four year old is amazing! Thank you from a grateful grandma!"

- Visitor's Comment



Exhibits

This year Explora opened a new chapter of the *Agua de la vida; La vida del agua/ Water of Life; Life of Water* exhibit series with all new exhibit experiences with water. Because water has special significance in New Mexico, every five years we change the exhibit activities to build on visitors' experiences with water.

Some of water's unique qualities become more apparent and can be more readily investigated when water is moving. In view of this, Explora's new set of water exhibit activities uses water on the move to explore the properties of water. Visitors can experiment with water pressure while plumbing a fountain or routing water through pipes; they can maneuver a small stream of water through tubes, troughs and waterwheels as they explore adhesion and cohesion; visitors can generate diverse flow patterns by manipulating the paths that water takes; or they can investigate fluid dynamics while building waterfalls and creating eddies.



“Es un lugar excelente para el aprendizaje de los niños y no solo ellos, también los adultos aprenden. Gracias por brindar este fantástico lugar”.

- Visitor's Comment



Explora's newest water exhibit activities offer a variety of experiences for visitors of all ages. As with other exhibit areas, the materials, staff and environment all play an essential role in visitors' experiences. The materials-rich exhibits have many loose parts that have multiple uses depending on what a visitor chooses to investigate. Staff members purposefully leave evidence of visitors' work for the next experimenters. That 'archeology' provides a sense of user history, rich with meanings.

At Explora, exhibits are generally small-scale with transactive qualities, enabling both the exhibits and their users to change in unexpected ways. Through these open-ended activities, the materials and environments are changed by people. Similarly, there are opportunities for people to be changed as a result of their engagement with the materials and the environment. Both staff and visitors are part of this equation as they work together and share in their inspirations, investigations and discoveries. Exhibit contexts also play a part in the experience. The irregular mazes of walls and small tables and chairs create personal spaces, for individuals or families, that support focus, attention, semi-privacy and conversations. Through these transactive qualities, the exhibits, environments and people all come together to support learning.

“Explora is so fun! I love coming here with my dad! There is so much to DO!!!!”

- Visitor's Comment



“It has a lot of adventure.”

- Visitor's Comment

“I come here very regularly with the kids I babysit. We always have an amazing time. Each visit, we discover new activities and displays. Nice work! This place is incredible!”

- Visitor's Comment



"This place is awesome! So nice to see my son excited by something educational! Thank you!"

- Visitor's Comment



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"Wonderful staff, exhibits & surroundings.
One of Albuquerque's jewels."

- Visitor's Comment

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"Amazing! Exhibits: A+, employees: great! So good to know your tax dollars are being spent wisely. Best children's museum ever."

- Visitor's Comment



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"¡Yo pienso que Explora
es lo mejor!"

- Visitor's Comment

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"This is a wonderful place for learning. I wish we had an Explora at home,
I might consider moving to Nuevo Mexico, not only do you live in a
wonderful land but an enlightening one as well. Keep up the great job!"

- Visitor's Comment

"I am never not amazed when I come to Explora. I try to
tell adult friends about how cool & fun it is for "big kids"
too, yet they never believe me until they finally come.
Thank you. Thank you for providing endless engaging
& fun learning opportunities, even for us big kids!"

- Visitor's Comment



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"Hola. Quiero felicitarlos por este gran museo para niños. Ahora mis hijos piensan en el por qué de las cosas".

- Visitor's Comment



"Explora - ideas you can touch is awesome! You have found a way to make science and art so much fun. My girls of 8, 9, and 11 loved it. We drove from Colorado Springs to experience the center. It was so worth it."

- Visitor's Comment

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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.

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Gertrude Dazzo

Leonard and Patricia Duda
Jane and Michael Flax

Dee and Ruth Friesen
Matt and Pauline Gubbels

H. B. and Lucille Horn
David and Kathy Hsi

William and Jan Keleher
Robert A. Levin

Mike and Donna Mullane
Bob and Betsy Murphy

Deborah Peacock and Nathan Korn
Elizabeth R. Quinn

Jack and Donna Rust
Betty Sabo

Larry D. Willard

The da Vinci Society was established by the Board of Directors of Explora to recognize and honor those who make a significant financial contribution to Explora of \$100,000 or more.

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
Matt and Pauline Gubbels
Deborah Peacock and Nathan Korn
Elizabeth R. Quinn



"Sweet. Awesome. Spectacular."
- Visitor's Comment



"This is the most awesome place in all of Albuquerque. Thank you for inspiring our children to explore the science around us. P.S. The adults love it, too!"

- Visitor's Comment

"We live a mile away, have been members since the beginning, & never grow tired. Thanks for keeping our brains going."

- Visitor's Comment

Statement of Finances

Explora dollar allocations for the fiscal year 2009-2010 from audited year-end financial reports.

Revenues

Earned Income*	\$1,461,576
Foundation Grants	\$38,850
Corporate Gifts and Grants	\$85,923
Contributions	\$86,372
Local, State and Federal Government	<u>\$1,941,531</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$3,614,252</u>

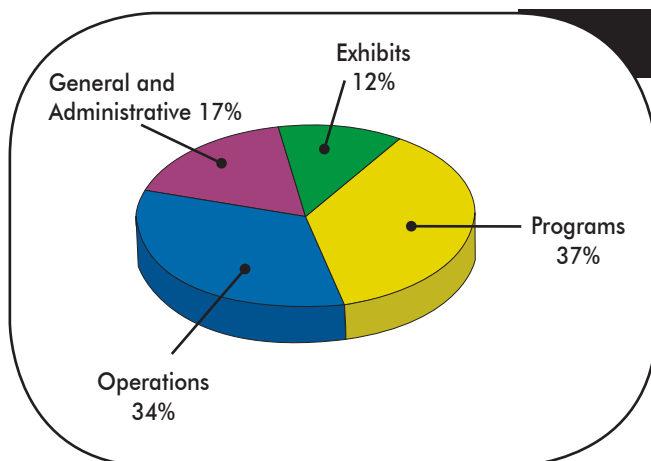
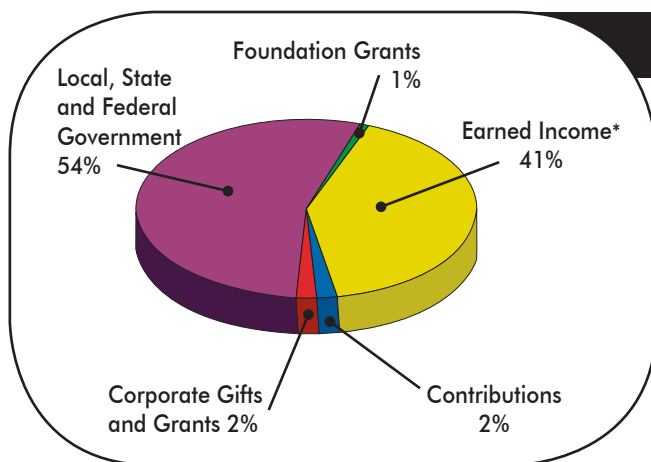
*Includes program fees, admissions, memberships, rentals and store sales

Functional Expenses

Exhibits	\$432,987
Programs	\$1,402,184
Operations	\$1,291,593
General and Administrative Costs	<u>\$655,847</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,782,611</u>
Net	<u>(\$168,359)</u>

Year-End Operating Cash and Cash Equivalents** \$472,501

**Includes temporarily and permanently restricted fund balances





"I think that everybody is happy here."
- Visitor's Comment



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 productions. 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* and *Science Firsthand* community scientist programs.

This year 221 volunteers have donated 16,800 hours to Explora. Some of our volunteers are students from service learning programs at Central New Mexico Community College, University of New Mexico, Colorado College and from many Albuquerque area high schools.

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

Volunteers

Cynthia Alfini
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Corinne Alsman
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Andrea Ambrosini
Natasha Amershi
Adrienne Appello
Nathan Araiza
Adelmo "Del" Archuleta
Eliana Arias-Dotson
Steve Armbrecht
Alan Armijo
Brittnee Astorga
Joleen Avitia
Cesar Bailon
Ganesh Balakrishnan
Joshua Ball
Andrés Barrera Guerrero
Jamie Bennecke
Mel Bernstein
Christopher Bleeker
Ted Borek
Jason Brown
Marlene Brown
Penny Brown
Ian Burch
Randy Burge
Michael Cadigan
Malynda Cappelle
Malcolm Carroll
Morgan Cash
Francisco Casillas
Jordan Chavez
Virginia Dare Chavez
Ben Cipiti
Nicole Clark
Amanda Miera Colburn
Ken Cole

Explora has made every effort to list our donors and volunteers accurately and in the manner requested. We regret any errors that inadvertently may have been made and would appreciate receiving any corrections or comments. Please contact us by calling the Volunteer Coordinator at 505.224.8362.

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 Conor Cox
 Kelley Craig
 Anthony Cuellar
 Caleb Cumiford
 Shanika Cumiford
 Linda Dailleboust
 Ray Darnell
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 Ellis Dawson
 Patrick DeBonis
 Rubin De La Rue
 Dave Dell
 David Dondero
 Zachary Dow
 Steven Downie
 Leonard Duda
 Caitlyn Duran
 Susanna Ehlers
 Karen Enriquez
 Neil Faulconbridge
 Sandra Faust
 Jane Flax
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 Larry O’Hanlon
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 Lisa Palacios
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 John Pearson
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 Jesse Pickett
 Taina Quiñones
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 Vanessa Reyes
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 Sylvia Roddy
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 Hannah Romig
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“I think Explora is a great place. I would come every day if I could! (That’s how much I like it!)”
 - Visitor’s Comment





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