



DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER'S
annual report
2007



DISCOVERY
SCIENCE CENTER

Have fun. Get smarter.

MISSION

Discovery Science Center provides enjoyable, interactive explorations in science and technology for the region.

HISTORY

Discovery Science Center began in 1989 as a grassroots, volunteer organization, impassioned with the belief that science is best learned by doing. At its inception, Discovery Science Center was a “museum without walls,” providing hands-on experiences for the public at festivals and in short-term holiday venues. Due to the overwhelming response from the community, the Center has experienced phenomenal growth, becoming a permanent and vital educational resource in the region as the only hands-on science center in Northern Colorado.

WHAT WE DO

As the only hands-on science center in Northern Colorado, Discovery Science Center is fostering science education in our community with the belief that science is best learned by doing and that busy hands spur active minds. The Center houses more than 120 interactive exhibits, offers an array of planetarium shows, overnight camp-ins, and classes, and makes these resources highly accessible by providing scholarships and free family memberships to qualified, low-income participants, empowering them to engage with science and culture.

EXHIBITS

Discovery Science Center’s 120 experiential, hands-on exhibits are themed around such science topics as: biology, Colorado ecology, electricity, energy & motion, the human body, light & optics, simple machines, structures, and paleontology.

During 2007, DSC brought an exciting temporary exhibit to Northern Colorado: *Egypt, Puzzles and Mysteries*, that gave visitors the chance to explore opportunities for self-paced exploration of riddles and puzzles, such as learning how to write in hieroglyphics and construct a pyramid. By offering temporary exhibits, Discovery Science Center successfully attracts **new and returning** visitors to experience the power exploring science provides.



OPENING DOORS

Discovery Science Center’s **Head Start on Science program** fosters science literacy among our community’s economically-disadvantaged preschoolers by providing challenging, enriching opportunities in hands-on science education. These experiences build their confidence and encourage learning, providing them with the “head start” to excel in elementary school and in life. Through free family memberships to Discovery Science Center, we are working to ensure that these disadvantaged preschoolers enter elementary school on equal scientific footing with their more advantaged classmates.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31,

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$58,800	\$31,444
Inventory	3,507	3,857
Promises to give, current portion	<u>1,049,666</u>	<u>2,563,266</u>
Total current assets	1,111,973	2,598,567
Restricted investments	2,751,367	1,213,424
Restricted beneficial interest in assets held by foundation (endowment)	768,639	513,752
Long-term promises to give	99,750	96,667
Property and equipment, net	<u>166,329</u>	<u>222,142</u>
Total assets	<u>\$4,898,058</u>	<u>\$4,644,552</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$5,822	\$5,850
Accrued expenses	<u>18,084</u>	<u>21,270</u>
Total liabilities	<u>23,906</u>	<u>27,120</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	300,769	219,149
Temporarily restricted	3,863,283	3,838,183
Permanently restricted	<u>710,100</u>	<u>560,100</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,874,152</u>	<u>4,617,432</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$4,898,058</u>	<u>\$4,644,552</u>



DSC FACTS

27,122 total number of DSC visitors in 2007,
with an impact on over 30,000 a year

8,940 number of school children who visited in 2007

912 number of underprivileged preschoolers served by DSC

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended December 31st

	2007				2006			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support, revenues and gains								
Contributions								
In-kind support	\$246,511	\$ -	\$ -	\$246,511	\$246,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$246,276
Foundations	98,150	-	100,000	198,150	96,300	187,530	156,000	439,830
Corporations	68,405	25,000	20,000	113,405	70,446	15,000	-	85,446
Individuals	38,189	100	30,000	68,289	42,852	59,777	122,100	224,729
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	6,929	-	6,929
Government grants	12,000	-	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	12,000
Admission fees and memberships	110,016	-	-	110,016	94,734	-	-	94,734
Investment income	126,464	-	-	126,464	102,827	-	-	102,827
Program revenue	32,578	-	-	32,578	34,377	-	-	34,377
Other revenue	764	-	-	764	2,300	-	-	2,300
	<u>733,077</u>	<u>25,100</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>908,177</u>	<u>702,112</u>	<u>269,236</u>	<u>278,100</u>	<u>1,249,448</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenues and gains	<u>733,077</u>	<u>25,100</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>908,177</u>	<u>702,112</u>	<u>269,236</u>	<u>278,100</u>	<u>1,249,448</u>
Expenses and losses								
Program services	488,153	-	-	488,153	536,115	-	-	536,115
Support services								
Administration and general	37,479	-	-	37,479	53,149	-	-	53,149
Fundraising	124,912	-	-	124,912	119,091	-	-	119,091
Total expenses	650,544	-	-	650,544	708,355	-	-	708,355
Loss on disposal of assets	913	-	-	913	1,546	-	-	1,546
Total expenses and losses	<u>651,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>651,457</u>	<u>709,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>709,901</u>
Change in net assets	81,620	25,100	150,000	256,720	-7,789	269,236	278,100	539,547
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>219,149</u>	<u>3,838,183</u>	<u>560,100</u>	<u>4,617,432</u>	<u>226,938</u>	<u>3,568,947</u>	<u>282,000</u>	<u>4,077,885</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$300,769</u>	<u>\$3,863,283</u>	<u>\$710,100</u>	<u>\$4,874,152</u>	<u>\$219,149</u>	<u>\$3,838,183</u>	<u>\$560,100</u>	<u>\$4,617,432</u>

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I want to take a moment and share some of Discovery Science Center's successes from 2007 and to encourage you to consider the important work Discovery Science Center does when you are considering your charitable giving.

As part of our commitment to serve our community, we make our services available for free to **low-income and under-served** children and families through our Advantage program.

We continue to grow our Inspiring Students in Science program, which **teaches children that a career in science, math, or technology is within their reach**, regardless of their economic background or gender.

We encourage families, school trips and individuals to be frequent visitors by offering something new and exciting every year. In 2007, Discovery Science Center opened *Egypt: Puzzles & Mysteries*. *Egypt* examined encouraged scientific exploration via problem-solving. The *Egypt* exhibit provided a unique setting to excite visitors about science.

I want to thank our wonderful donors, members, and visitors who enable Discovery Science Center to bring hands-on, inquiry-based science exhibits and science programs to **35,000 children** and their families from across Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming each year.

As the planning for the new museum forges ahead, we continue to rely on the support of generous individuals, corporations, and foundations to provide support for exhibits and programs.

Thank you for your support!



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