

Discovery Science Center 2005 Annual Report



Discovery Science Center

envisions a culture that
sparks people's natural sense of
curiosity and **wonder**,
and nurtures the ageless desire for
learning through **exploration**.



DISCOVERY
SCIENCE CENTER

Have fun. Get smarter.

Discovery Science Center believes

- Inquisitive minds contribute to society
- Knowledge gained through experience is lasting
- Science is a tool for knowing the world

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“No one ever failed a museum.”

Frank Oppenheimer, founder of San Francisco's Exploratorium

Who We Are

Discovery Science Center connects people with science, a place where science and citizens meet. We offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to explore and enjoy science. Our "Have Fun, Get Smarter" experiences result in the empowering ability to be comfortable in exploring our world. Through our exhibits and programs we introduce and reinforce the pleasure of lifelong learning to our visitors.

Discovery Science Center's 120 hands-on exhibits are fun and engaging, and many have unexpected benefits. They encourage visitors to approach exploring unknown phenomena in new ways; for some, the interest awakened by science center experiences spark a passion for science that leads to a lifetime career devoted to science and technology. For others, the experience simply provides confidence to explore the world.

In 2005, Discovery Science Center leased *Dinostories* as our temporary exhibit. *Dinostories* proved to be so popular that we decided to purchase the exhibit and make it a permanent addition to our growing science center. Through this acquisition, we now have a new exhibit hall – Dinosaur Adventures – that gives our visitors a chance to explore the lives and habitats of these "terrible lizards."



In addition to our interactive exhibits, Discovery Science Center provides programming that engages participants through exploration and facilitates making real-world connections that identify science and technology in our everyday lives. We touch visitors through informal floor programs and events, field trip science labs, and planetarium shows. In as many ways possible, Discovery Science Center seeks to make science accessible and personable to our audience.

By making science fun and non-threatening, Discovery Science Center promotes excitement about science, rather than fear. The informal, interactive environments of science centers serve to de-mystify science and technology. By forging the foundation for lifelong curiosity and exploration, hands-on science centers are better equipping citizens to meet the high-tech challenges of the new century.

Discovery Science Center is proud of its mission of providing informal explorations in science and technology for the northern Colorado region. We know that knowledge gained through experience is lasting, science is a tool for understanding the world, and that inquisitive minds contribute to society.

From the Executive Director



In the year 2005, Discovery Science Center was able to realize the depth of the incredible support of our wonderful community. On November 1, 2005, the community voted to support a public/private partnership with the City of Fort Collins to create an unprecedented cultural and scientific institution. As we work towards our sustainable future, we know that we are able to enjoy providing the explorations in science and technology to our region because of the continued support of our community. Thank you for your being such a big part of Discovery Science Center and ensuring our bright future.

Annette Geiselman
Executive Director

Statements of Financial Position

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,386,914	\$ 32,280
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5,400	6,150
Inventory	2,642	2,649
Promises to give, current portion	13,300	-
Total current assets	<u>1,408,256</u>	<u>41,079</u>
Restricted cash	7,000	-
Long-term promises to give	2,395,783	-
Property and equipment, net	<u>276,875</u>	<u>325,408</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,087,914</u>	<u>\$ 366,487</u>
Current liabilities		
Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ 15,345
Accounts payable	3,167	3,887
Accrued expenses	6,862	7,548
Total liabilities	<u>10,029</u>	<u>26,780</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Net assets		
Unrestricted	226,938	339,707
Temporarily restricted	3,843,947	-
Permanently restricted	7,000	-
Total net assets	<u>4,077,885</u>	<u>339,707</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 4,087,914</u>	<u>\$ 366,487</u>

Statements of Activities

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004
Support, revenue and gains		
Contributions		
In-kind support	\$ 271,988	\$ 320,982
Foundations	1,577,315	57,440
Corporations	96,342	71,045
Individuals	2,335,953	20,154
Grants	26,569	-
Government	2,450	5,950
Interest income	1,417	114
Admission fees and memberships	107,856	82,840
Other revenue	<u>46,716</u>	<u>59,107</u>
Total support, revenue and gains	<u>\$ 4,466,606</u>	<u>\$ 617,662</u>
Expenses and losses		
Program services	561,469	530,772
Support services		
Administration and general	75,823	73,568
Fundraising	91,136	40,865
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>-</u>	<u>3,340</u>
Total expenses and losses	<u>728,428</u>	<u>648,545</u>
Change in net assets	3,738,178	(30,883)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>339,707</u>	<u>370,590</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 4,077,885</u>	<u>\$ 339,707</u>

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