2019 Annual Report
We are planting seeds for the future.

Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc. is a hands-on museum that provides life-long learning experiences to thousands of children and families each year. We create an environment that stimulates curiosity for discovery, exploration, and further investigation through exhibits and programs that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) principles.
Friends,

It has been an incredible year for Discovery Station! As you begin to read this Annual Report, I wanted to take the time to express my sincerest gratitude to all of our visitors, volunteers, staff, and community supporters for making 2019 the most successful year in the organization's 14-year history!

Discovery Station has always been a hub of exploration and curiosity for the families in our community. This past year has been one filled with meaningful impact. With 25,380 visitors, over 200 field trips and group visits, more than 150 programs, and reaching more than 5,000 people through educational outreach and collaborative partnerships, Discovery Station has left its mark on the hearts of the people within our community and beyond.

Our volunteers and staff worked hard to provide our visitors with engaging, hands-on educational experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Our team members are passionate, knowledgeable, and the real driving force behind the museum's success. It is my absolute privilege to spend my days working alongside each of the volunteers and staff members to enrich the lives of thousands of children.

We have great things in store for 2020 - our 15th year of operation! Stay tuned for updates on new exhibits, exciting programs, and developing initiatives. Until then, I thank you for your continued support in helping Discovery Station be the great hands-on children's museum that it is!

Warm Regards,

Brittany Wedd
Executive Director
Discovery Station
In 2019, Jess Castle joined the Discovery Station team as the museum's Operations Manager. With the increase in visitor attendance and museum programs, it became apparent to the museum’s Board of Directors and Executive Director that the museum needed more staff to manage the day-to-day operations. Her appointment is a historic one as she became the museum's second full-time employee.

Looking to 2020, Castle states, “I am incredibly grateful for each of our Staff, Volunteers, and Board Members. There is absolutely no shortage of passion or dedication among the team members that make-up our organization. My heart is full each, and every day, as I witness Our Mission impact so many children throughout the community. I’m so excited for the amazing opportunities that we, at Discovery Station, will bring to the children of our community this year!”.

The museum also welcomed a new Visitor Services Attendant, Alice Grumbine. Grumbine has been a dedicated Discovery Station volunteer member for several years and is a welcome addition to the museum staff.

2019 NonProfit of the Year - Washington County Chamber of Commerce
2019 NonProfit of the Year - STEAMY Awards

Voted “#1 Family Fun Spot” - Hagerstown Magazine Hot List
Voted “Best Museum in the Tri-State” - VerStandig Media

Runner-Up “Best Museum” - The Record Herald
Voted “#2 Best Museum” - Hagerstown Magazine Hot List
Soaring Attendance Continues

In its 14th year of operation, Discovery Station proved that it is one of the leading destinations for families in Downtown Hagerstown. Thanks to new programs, partnerships, updated exhibits, and a record-shattering number of field trips, the museum saw record attendance numbers.

By the end of 2019, Discovery Station was visited 25,380 visitors from all over the world. This reflects a 24.9% growth in attendance over 2018.
In evaluating visitor data, it was found that roughly 39% of the museum’s visitors traveled from outside the state of Maryland. When it comes to Maryland visitors, the vast majority of them come from Washington County and Frederick County.
2019 By The Numbers

In 2019, we served more than 5,000 people in public outreach events!
2019 By The Numbers

IN 2019, WE HOSTED MORE THAN 150 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS!
In 2019, Discovery Station hosted many special guests - including Astronaut Don Thomas, Author Miranda Mittleman of PAWS and THINK Books, and celebrity guest readers like Stephen Schutte of Mid-Atlantic Sprint!
2019 By The Numbers

IN 2019, DISCOVERY STATION EXPERIENCED AN 89% GROWTH IN MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS!
Collaborative Efforts

Discovery Station collaborated or partnered with many organizations during 2019 to further enhance the museum's educational programs, outreach initiatives, and exhibits. This was the busiest year in Discovery Station's history for collaborative efforts.
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc. is governed by a volunteer board whose members serve without compensation. Members serve three-year terms. Currently, Discovery Station has two paid full-time staff member and one paid part-time staff member. Museum programs and activities are conducted by the Executive Director and assisted by an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers from throughout the region.

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