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miSci Receives \$12,500 Grant for Planetarium Upgrades

Schenectady, New York, June 14, 2023 — The Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci), the Capital Region’s largest science museum and home to the Suits-Bueche Planetarium, has received a \$12,500 grant from the Bender Scientific Fund of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region.

This generous gift will support miSci’s goal of upgrading the technology required to continue to offer astronomy, science, and arts programming under its 30 ft. dome. miSci’s Planetarium is the only publicly accessible planetarium within a 75-mile radius and plays a vital STEAM education role for students and citizens in Schenectady and the Capital District of New York. Planetarium programming offers unique and immersive experiences that bring the wonder of the universe up close for those who visit the Museum. miSci hopes to secure the additional \$33k in funds needed to continue to ensure this scientific community resource is available for years to come.

“Accessible STEAM education plays a vital role in inspiring and educating people of all ages. Our Planetarium offers a unique experience that excites wonder and awe in children and adults alike. miSci will continue to expand on Planetarium programming, and investing in critically needed technology upgrades will allow the Museum to do that for years to come,” stated miSci Vice President of Education, Caelynn Prylo. “We are grateful for The Community Foundation’s investment in this very special resource.”

About miSci

Founded in 1934, miSci is a center for learning, imagination, and creativity. It is housed in a 44,270-square-foot facility that includes gallery space, the Suits-Beuche Planetarium, and classrooms. The Museum’s collections and archives include more than 15,000 science and technology artifacts, and more than two million photographs documenting the history of electricity, electronics, and the impact of technological change. Artifacts from the collections and archives are often featured in the Museum’s exhibitions and programs.

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