

Annual Report 2022-23

Dear Friends, Members, and Stakeholders,

In the past year miSci has presented a wealth of exceptional exhibits, programs, and events that have enriched our community.

One of our most significant endeavors yet is the Neil Golub miMembership Program, which has provided more than 9,000 free family memberships to every student in the Schenectady City School District. This initiative is instrumental in granting local youth and their families access to immersive STEAM educational experiences. We are fostering a community who can visualize their future aspirations: whether it's gazing at the night sky and dreaming of exploring the cosmos, or playing with recording equipment and envisioning a career as a music mogul, or building with Keva Blocks and kindling dreams of becoming engineers. In all their experiences at miSci, we empower them to imagine the possibilities.

Decades of research have demonstrated that introducing children to STEAM toys and interactive experiences at an early age significantly increases their participation in scientific discussions. These experiences help children grasp the intricacies of scientific ideas and, most importantly, cultivate their curiosity about how things work. So, dear members, hold on to your old toasters, vacuum cleaners, and radios. After bringing your children or grandchildren to one of miSci's programs, they may well be inspired to "fix" one of these vintage inventions!

miSci is taking an active role in creating its own interactive experiences, too. Last fall, we introduced our miSci-curated exhibit, Let's Connect: Exploring Communication Technology, which featured more than 20 state-of-the-art interactives. This exhibit took visitors on a journey through the progression of communication technology from the era of fire signals to the age of satellites.

This summer, we had the privilege of bringing you the nationally traveling exhibit Artificial Intelligence: Your Mind & The Machine, which proved to be a timely and resounding success. It resonated not only with children but also with adults eager to delve into our quickly changing computer world. As we like to say, "science is not just for children!"

However, none of these successes would have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated members, stakeholders, and the broader community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for embracing miSci and for championing STEAM experiences for all ages. Your support is the cornerstone of our continued success.

Cheers.

Gina C. Gould, Ph. D.

President

miSci by the numbers





5,487



Students reached through 145 Outreach Programs



48%

6%

Children Students (under 3) (3-18)

Adults (18-65)

Seniors (65+)

17,340 planetarium visitors **INCREASE!**

miSci by the numbers



new and renewing members



educational programs for local schools, libraries and groups

9,079

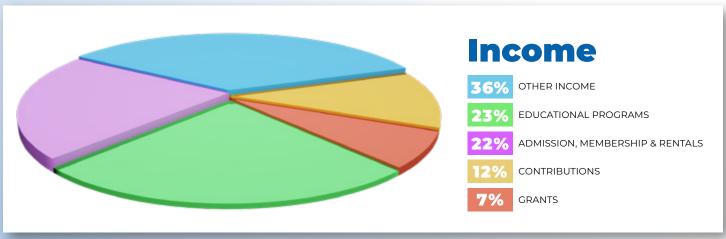
Family memberships given to Schenectady School District Students through the miMembership program

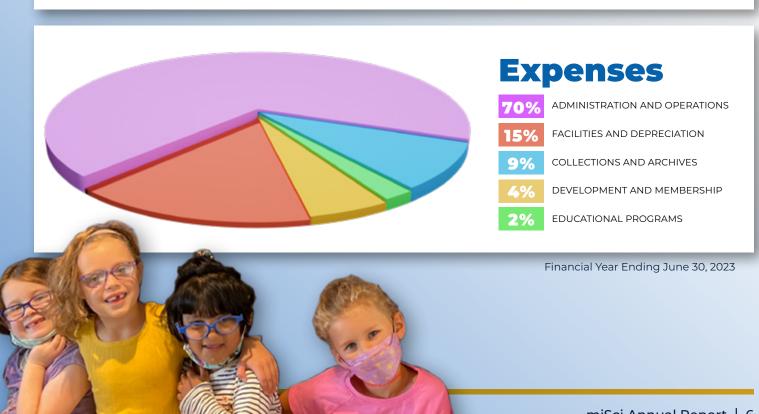


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