



In 2006...

...the Museum of Discovery and Science extended its pathways to learning with new exhibits, community partnerships, and educational programming. The community can depend on the Museum to set a standard for excellence and to broaden the horizons of its visitors.

For the second year in a row, the Museum was forced to close several times due to hurricane warnings. In past years, the Museum remained unscathed by Florida's furious weather, but FY2006 brought Hurricane Wilma which caused extensive damage to roofing, lighting, signage, landscaping and to the Great Gravity Clock. Due to the extraordinary efforts of staff, damage to the interior and losses to aquaria were minimized during the week-long power outage that followed, and the Museum was able to reopen as soon as power was restored.

In late FY2006, the Museum undertook a major renovation of its Blockbuster® IMAX® Theater, replacing the floors, the seats, the doors, the acoustical panels, and much of the lighting, and installing a new lightweight 3D glasses system. Thanks to diligent staff and cooperative vendors, this project was completed in record time, refreshing this wonderful community resource.

The Museum of Discovery and Science operates from a strong financial platform, with a balanced budget of over \$6.5 Million in revenues and an operating endowment that has grown to almost \$4 Million in assets. It is governed by an active Board of Trustees that includes some of our community's most trusted and influential citizens. A growing list of donors has provided outstanding financial support and commitment to the Museum's mission. Generous grants enable us to reach out in new ways to serve the community. Our experienced professional staff is committed to a process of continual improvement and change in order to keep the 85,000 square feet of the Museum fresh and exciting, while hundreds of volunteers provide necessary manpower for visitor services.

As President/CEO and Chairman of the Board, we are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize and to thank the many volunteers, donors and community partners who help the Museum flourish.