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Letter from the Executive Director
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As we reflect on an incredible year at Muse Knoxville, I am thrilled to share our progress and achievements. With your unwavering support and dedication, we have been able to expand our impact and continue to serve our community in meaningful ways.

One of our proudest accomplishments has been the diversification of our programs and services. We understand the importance of meeting the needs of our community, and we have made significant strides in that regard. From providing childcare camps during Knox County Schools' breaks and in-service days to offering culturally relevant nonclinical parenting sessions, we are committed to supporting families in every aspect of their lives.

Our weekly family lab programs, such as Read and Play, Little Astronauts and more, have been a resounding success. By including these programs in our regular admission, we have made science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) education accessible to a broader range of families. It brings us immense joy to see children and their parents engaging in hands-on learning experiences and witnessing the spark of curiosity ignite within them.

We are thrilled to announce that our Family Access Pass membership program has surpassed expectations, benefiting over 1,700 families. By expanding this initiative, we ensure affordable access to STEAM education for all families, irrespective of their financial circumstances.

While celebrating these achievements, we must acknowledge the challenges we face. Due to our current building's limitations, we have had to waitlist families and regrettably turn away school groups. It is clear that we have outgrown our space and must address this issue to continue effectively serving our community.

Our primary goal now is to expand our physical capacity, creating an environment that nurtures innovation and lifelong learning. We envision Muse Knoxville as a place where every learner, young or old, can explore and thrive in STEAM education.

In conclusion, we express our deepest gratitude for your support as stakeholders of Muse Knoxville. Together, we have made remarkable progress in expanding our impact and reaching more families. With your continued partnership, we can ensure that Muse Knoxville remains a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Muse Knoxville and the importance of inspiring and empowering all children through transformative learning experiences!

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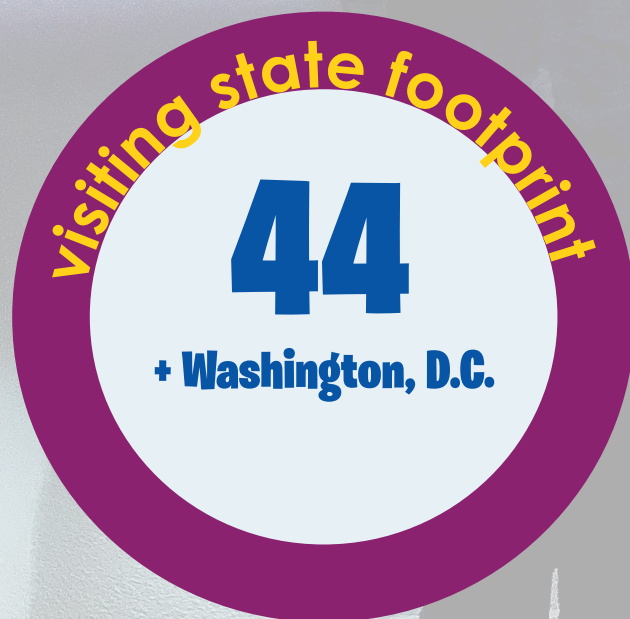
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MISSION

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MUSE FOR ALL
POWER OF PLAY
LIFELONG LEARNER
COMMUNITY CONNECTOR





Family Access Pass memberships expanded to **1,738 active memberships, which is a 104% increase** from the prior year. These memberships are for any families on government assistance programs, and we are proud to provide this affordable membership to families who need it most.



Free Family Nights are where barriers to access are erased, and families can revel in the magic of our museum without any admission fees. In FY 22-23, this initiative brought together **1,682 visitors from 90 distinct zip codes**, fostering a sense of unity and discovery.



Teambuilding at its finest, this past year we offered immersive experiences to **8 different corporate teams and 176 employees**, allowing them to explore key themes such as communication, time management, and navigating cultural differences. Providing a dynamic **backdrop for teams to collaborate, problem-solve, and create lasting memories.**



Volunteers find joy in nurturing young minds, while also experiencing personal and professional growth. With flexible hours to suit any schedule, this year witnessed extraordinary compassion as **674 volunteers gifted 2,149 hours** to our shared mission.



Camp Muse has been an invaluable resource for working parents, offering **14 different day-long or week-long childcare camps with high-quality STEAM-based care**, allowing parents to focus on their employment with peace of mind. In FY 22-23, these camps provided **1,086 camp experiences**, furthering our commitment to inclusivity by offering fully subsidized camp placements, and ensuring equitable access to reliable childcare.

Internships are expanding at Muse Knoxville, extending our support for student development through two paid workforce development programs:

Muse Apprenticeship Program and Muse Ambassadors.

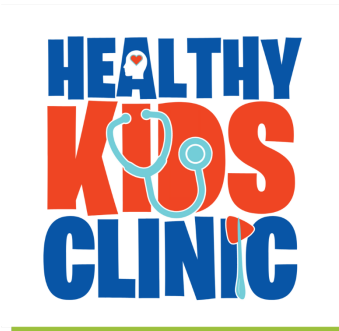
The Muse Apprenticeship Program fosters a connection between students' curiosity and potential career paths, while Muse Ambassadors focuses on cultivating individualized employable skills for disabled young adults. Together, these internships provided valuable opportunities for **177 students this year, offering a total of 643 hours of programming.**





Unveiling New Adventures at Muse Knoxville!

Prepare to be delighted as Muse Knoxville introduces exciting new exhibits in the upcoming fiscal year. With a steadfast commitment to engaging play-based experiences, our master plan for exhibits as it aligns with our new strategic plan includes a rotating exhibit space schedule and regular visitor feedback to ensure quality and engagement. Immerse yourself in hands-on learning and explore the innovative exhibits that will fuel the power of play, such as Cosmo's Cafe where children can unleash their creativity as head chefs, the enhanced Healthy Kids Clinic promoting holistic well-being, the Tech Play exhibit showcasing cutting-edge technology, and the captivating outdoor experience of "We BeeLong" celebrating the vital role of honeybees. Prepare for unforgettable journeys of imagination, learning, and discovery that await you at Muse Knoxville.



Empowering Minds

Impact and Numbers

64

Homeschool classes taught

20,514

Museum planetarium attendance

1,533

field trips and outreach classes

130

educators at Muse professional developments

187

schools impacted

4,876

STEAM Nights attendance

20,370

students shipped

150

bilingual STEM kits distributed



THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS FOR JOINING US IN OUR MISSION TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER ALL CHILDREN THROUGH TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES!



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