

# FY 2019 Annual Report

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019

The Bay Area Discovery Museum (BADM) is a nonprofit children's museum whose mission is to transform research into early learning experiences that inspire creative problem solving. We believe investing in high-quality early learning experiences is the best investment we can make as a society, and those investments lead to transformational change.

We achieve our mission through indoor and outdoor exhibits and research-backed programs for children ages 0 - 10 both on our 7.5-acre site at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge and in the broader community.

### At BADM

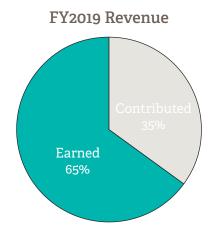
We welcomed 350,000 visitors at the museum from the Bay Area and beyond. We worked towards fulfilling our mission by offering engaging exhibits and programs that blend creativity and STEM, and we maintained our commitment to ensuring these experiences are available to all families through our access programs. In the 2019 fiscal year, we:

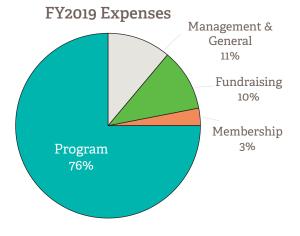
- **Saw 25%** of BADM's **350,000** visitors access the museum with need-based free and reduced cost admission—a **133% increase** from 10 years ago.
- Launched a new festival, Messy Art Fest, which welcomed 5,454 visitors over two weekends, 13% of whom received free or reduced admission through BADM access programs.
- Opened Faith, our salmon trawler exhibit, in Lookout Cove and began construction on the Try It Studio, the first two exhibits made possible by BOLD, the campaign for BADM.
- Surpassed 10,000 individual member households and grew Family Access memberships to 1,202 households.
- Welcomed 3,800 families who accessed BADM through our participation in Museums For All, a nationwide program admitting qualifying families to the museum for \$1. This is a 72% increase in families utilizing Museums for All over the previous year.

## In the Community

BADM is a resource to students, families, and teachers in the Bay Area and nationwide. We take our programming and research into the community through our school visits, our mobile engineering lab, and our research initiatives. In the 2019 fiscal year, we:

- Provided scholarships for 72% of the 27,862 students who participated in our school programs.
- Welcomed 1,205 children, families, and educators from Title I schools in Oakland Unified School District for a day of STEM learning at no cost to the schools.
- Received a grant for our mobile engineering lab, the Try It Truck, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).
- Partnered with the California State Library system over the past two years to develop tools to support 10 underresourced public libraries in building makerspaces for their communities.







# By The Numbers

350,000



**Visitors** 

1,202

Family Access Members



Children and families attended Messy Art Festival

15,510

children served by the Try It Truck in 9 Bay Area Counties



††1,730††

preschoolers visit BADM 3-5 times for free through our Connections partnership

88,000

visitors receive free or reduced-price admission

†† 66% ††

of students received need-based scholarships to participate in school visit programs

\$20,000

in needs-based scholarships distributed to children to attend our summer camps

10,000

Member Households

**Planning and Construction** 

Underway for 4 new Indoor Exhibits

1 New Outdoor Exhibit

Faith Opens

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