



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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### **Dear Friends**

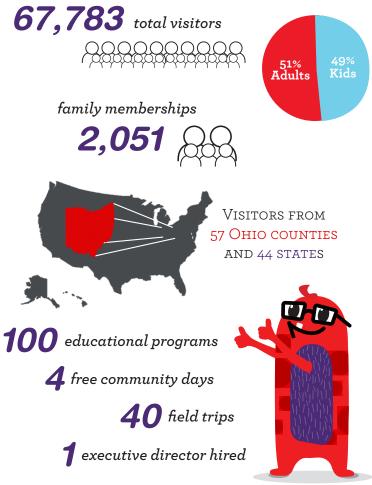
The Akron Children's Museum recently completed its' inaugural year. From November 26, 2016 to end of 2017, over 60,000 individuals from 57 counties and 44 states visited the museum, and over 2,000 families became museum members. The Akron Children's Museum presents exhibits and programming that inspires exploration, discovery and problem solving while connecting families, individuals, and organizations in our community. Affordable and accessible to all, the museum creates experiences and events that make our county and region a vibrant place to live and visit.

We are thankful for our champions who supported our vision to provide educational experiences that promote lifelong learning through the power of creativity and informal play.

Thank you for your continued support which has enabled us to provide unique experiences for all to learn through play.

*Traci J. Buckner* Executive Director *Betsy Hartschuh* President, Board of Directors

## **IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS**



Numbers include the 31 days ACM was open in 2016.



### **Statement of Activities**

Revenue	\$624,473.28	Expenses	\$280,034.48
Operations	\$13,344.39	Operations	\$254,315.04
Admission	\$191,413.92	Programs & Events	\$11,977.60
Memberships	\$143,622.00	Marketing	\$13,741.76
Donations & Grants	\$250,505.97		
Party Rentals	\$11,882.00		

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> We grew our All-Access Kids' Fund, giving out 800 free passes to children and families who may not have had access.

> Added 4 new exhibits: Canal Corner, Akron Marathon Blue Line Challenge, Little Monster Maker Space, and Light Up Akron.

> Grew partnerships to ensure
well-rounded programming based
on our four educational pillars:
STEM, Health & Wellness, Civic &
Community, and Arts & Culture

> Became part of Kulture City, which allows individuals with autism and other sensory needs the ability to see and experience all the things the world has to offer



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#### MISSION STATEMENT

To be a gathering place for children and families, where play inspires exploration, discovery, and problem solving.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

We envision a community shaped by *lifelong learners*, who provide innovative leadership inspired by creativity and diverse perspectives.



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