



engaged  
parents



energized  
communities

family access  
memberships

weekly  
outreach

We believe that every family deserves the opportunity to play. Our Access Initiatives help us support families who are going through financial difficulties.

In 2017, we saw over 200 Access Family Memberships, 611 people visited through our Organizational Access Membership program, over 4,300 people explored on our Free Days and 2,273 students received grants for field trips and Discovery Classes.

This year, we will be continuing our current Access Programs, plus joining with the Association of Children's Museums and the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Museums for All program. Through Museums for All, we will offer daily admission at \$2 per person for qualified guests. This is another way we are supporting families and giving kids the opportunity to experience the simple joys of being a kid!

field trip  
grants

free days

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Celebrating 25 years of giggles,  
creativity, learning and  
memories!



empowered  
children



## Dear Friends,

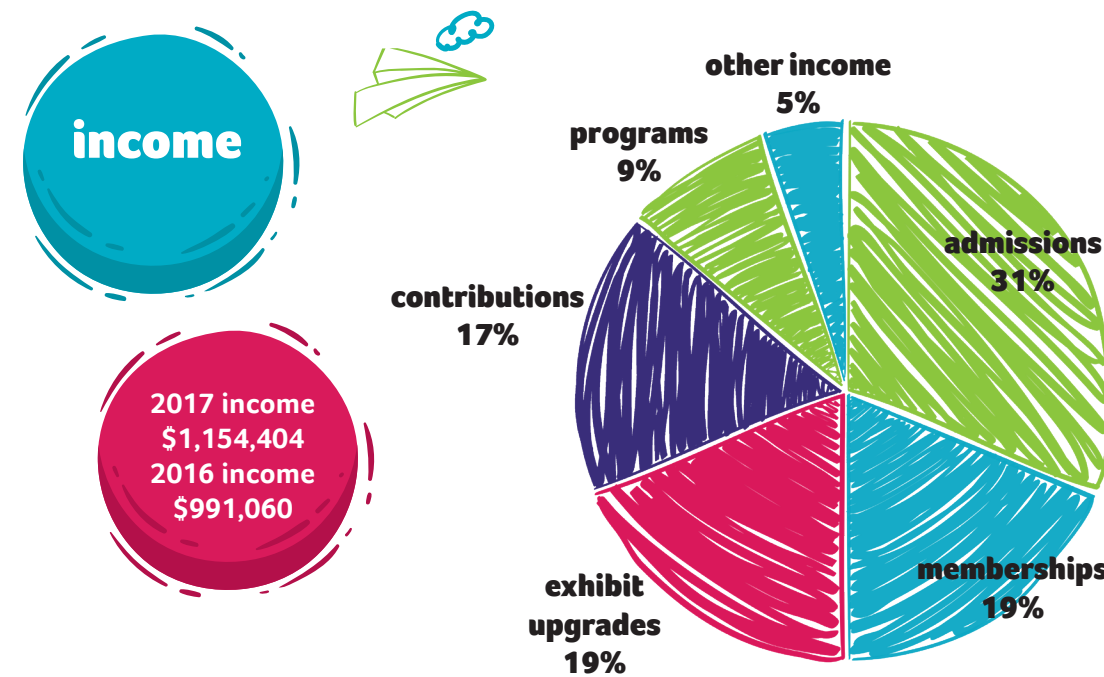
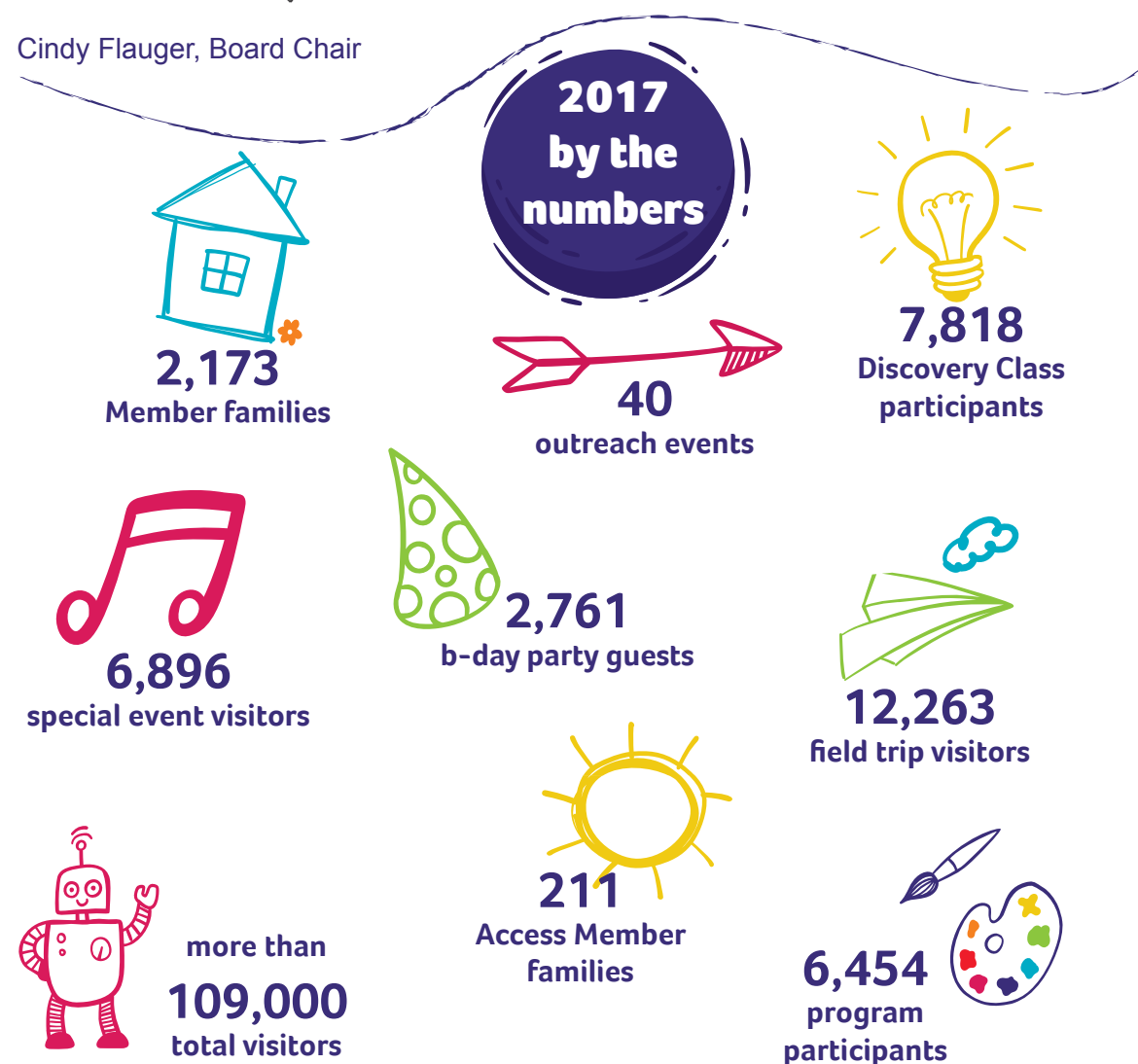
Over 25-years ago two Fox Cities residents, Rochelle Lamm and Paula Meyer had a vision to create a place for children and families. The Building for Kids was born out of that idea. Now at 25, the BFK has matured into a go-to destination for children and families throughout the Fox Cities and beyond. What better way to celebrate than with a party and gifts? Founders, Board members and community supporters gathered in November 2017 to mark the 25-year milestone. But, don't worry if you weren't able to make the party because the BFK revealed its gift back to the community – a refresh of many of the existing exhibits PLUS a new Innovation Lab that encourages children to explore and get excited about science, technology, engineering and math. And there's more to unwrap! 2018 will continue with the refresh and renovations of many of the other exhibits throughout the BFK. It truly is an exciting time – so what are you waiting for? Come on in and see the many surprises in store for you!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and BFK Staff let me express our sincere appreciation to our founders, ongoing supporters, community members, and visitors who continue to help the BFK reach its mission to empower children, engage families, and ultimately energize the community.

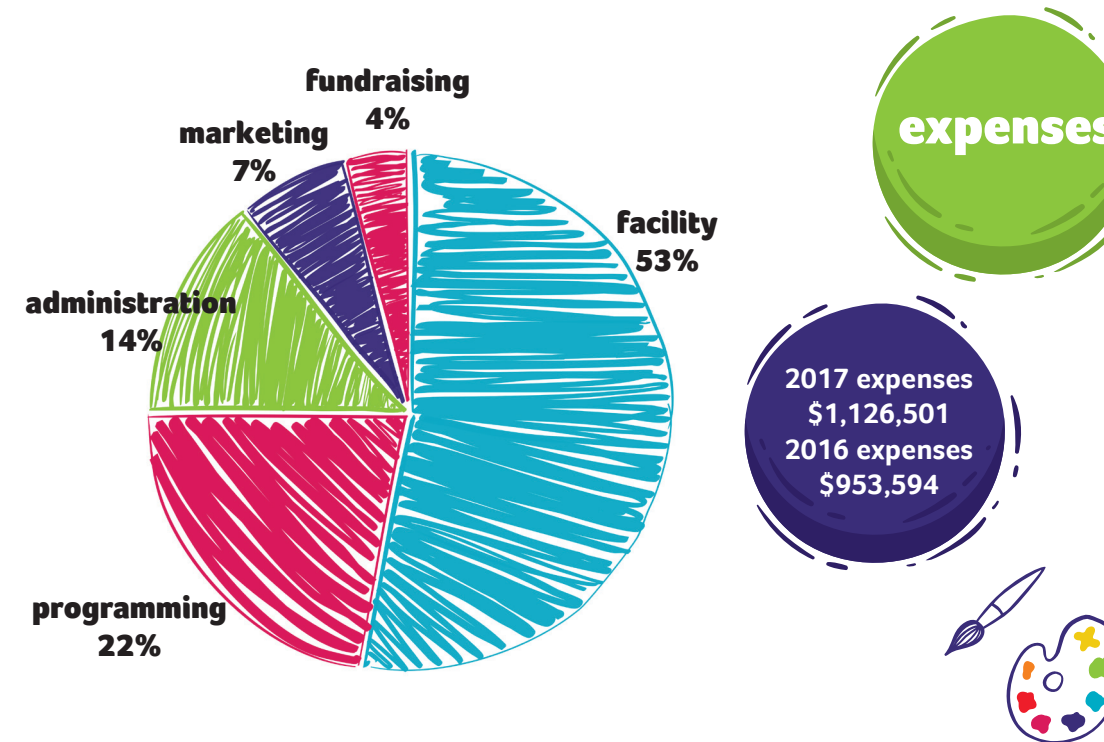
Let's keep this party going!

*Cynthia I. Flauger*

Cindy Flauger, Board Chair



In 2017, we also generously received \$404,000 in pledges for future exhibits & programs. Expenses associated with these pledges will be listed in the year they occur. Complete audited financial statements are on our website.



## here's to the next 25 years!

We've been busy! In 2017 not only did we celebrate turning 25, we also opened our first expansion in over 11 years, added a Nursing Nook, updated Move It and the Dino Cafe - and that's only the really big stuff. We also added new a new Discovery Class for field trips, tripled our weekly programs and did an internal and external refresh with paint, awning and signage!

Our schedule for 2018 is just as packed! Currently, we have six exhibits scheduled for a refresh or update this year. Some will be minor updates with additions to add more interactive elements, some will be complete overhauls with a whole new look for the exhibits, and one will be a brand new exhibit.



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