

## Giving Opportunities

Gift Level	Gift Needed	Total
\$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000
\$500,000	2	\$1,000,000
\$250,000	3	\$750,000
\$100,000	6	\$600,000
\$50,000	12	\$600,000
\$25,000	20	\$500,000
\$10,000	40	\$400,000
\$5,000	50	\$250,000
\$2,500	80	\$200,000
\$1,000	125	\$125,000
\$100+	200	\$75,000

- All gifts \$10,000 or greater will be recognized on a permanent and prominent display in the museum.
- Gifts greater than \$250,000 are eligible for naming opportunities.



## Educational & Economic Engine



### 1 Million Visitors Since 2011

coming from all 50 states and 23 countries



### 120,000 Visitors

came to the discovery center in 2023, with **50,000 visitors** being welcomed through free or reduced admission in our Access Programs



### \$5.8 Million

in annual economic impact to the greater Topeka region



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# Building Discovery

THE KANSAS CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER



the Kansas Children's   
**Discovery**  
Center



The Kansas Children's Discovery Center believes play is powerful, and quality play experiences are transformational for children and families. In the first 12 years of operation, the nonprofit children's museum has brought joy to more than one million visitors from Kansas and beyond. With our current building consistently at capacity, we are on the cusp of an exciting new chapter in our mission to ignite children's passion for learning.

Our vision is to create an experience where every child can find exciting opportunities to explore, experiment, and learn. To achieve this, we are eager to build three new learning lab classrooms that blend indoor and outdoor learning environments. These cutting-edge learning labs will serve as hubs of innovation and be the foundation for STEAM learning camps and programs for school-aged children. New exhibit space designed for traveling and permanent exhibitions will be added. Enhancing safety and accessibility will be realized through additions of a nursing nook, sensory room, field trip entrance, workshop, and storm shelter.

The need is real and the time is now. Our hope is you'll join with us to build a greater environment of discovery for the next generation of thinkers, dreamers, entrepreneurs, and leaders.

**Dené Mosier**  
President and CEO

**Jane Gannaway**  
Board Chair

**Kent Palmberg**  
Vice-Chair

"The Kansas Children's Discovery Center is not only a great partner in the community, but as a nationally renowned children's museum, they are a driver of Topeka tourism. They are a champion for children and families, improving access to the highest quality, hands-on, interactive learning opportunities available through play and exploration."

**Matt Pivarnik**  
CEO, Greater Topeka Partnership

## Growing Discovery



**120,000 to 150,000**  
Annual Attendance Projection



**1,900 to 2,200**  
Annual Member Families Projection



## Project Impact



### Build Greater Discovery

- The museum footprint is doubling in size to over 30,000 square feet.
- A 3,500 square foot traveling exhibit gallery will broaden the horizons of all visitors and enable the museum to host any traveling exhibit from around the United States.
- New permanent exhibits planned include a climber, test kitchen, wind experience, and more.
- Expansion will make it possible to attract 150,000 annual visitors from across the region.



### Enhance the Learning Environment

- Three new learning labs will create space for 5,000 days of childcare during out of school time.
- The creation of indoor-outdoor learning spaces connecting a state-of-the-art test kitchen with an intergenerational accessible gardening space will serve as hubs of creativity and exploration, blending education, nature, and culinary arts seamlessly.
- An innovative Makerspace will enable children to tinker, explore, and make things in a collaborative environment.
- Playful interaction at every step of the way during museum visits, including a connection of new and existing building, will provide seamless wayfinding for visitors.



### Improve Safety and Accessibility

- A secondary entrance will reduce congestion at main entrance to welcome the 10,000+ school children attending field trips each year.
- Traffic flow at the main entrance will be redesigned to reduce congestion and allow visitors to enter and exit more efficiently.
- Caregivers and nursing mothers will be able to utilize a private room for lactation, pumping, and other unique needs. The room will be outfitted with interactive activities for other children visiting the museum with them.
- Creating a sensory room for children experiencing sensory deregulation will enable them to regulate and return to enjoying the museum.

## Project Sources and Uses

### Sources

	Projected Amount
Board Designated Reserves	\$1,000,000
Gage Park Improvement Authority Sale Tax Dollars	\$500,000
Individuals	\$2,500,000
Corporate/Foundation	\$1,500,000
Financing	\$4,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

### Uses

	Projected Amount
Construction Expenses	\$8,437,570
Architect, Consultants, Engineers	\$687,662
Furniture, Fixtures, and Exhibits	\$874,768
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

