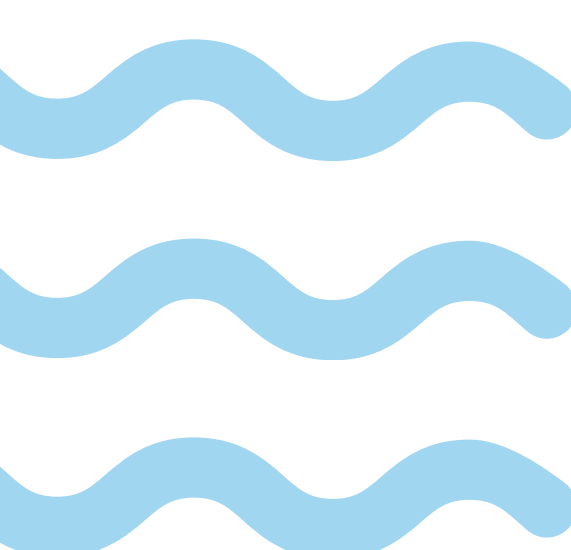




children's museum of central oregon

annual report 2024



a message from the board

To Our Supportive Community,

We're thrilled to share that CMCO On the Go!, our new Mobile Museum, is up and rolling! Designed to bring high-quality STEAM learning directly to kids across Central Oregon, our exhibits cover everything from sound waves to magnetism, coding, and engineering. By removing barriers like cost and transportation, we're making playful, hands-on discovery more accessible than ever. What makes our Mobile Museum truly special? It's child-led. Kids explore at their own pace, collaborate naturally, and grow essential 21st-century skills—without even realizing it. It's joyful, meaningful learning on wheels!

Another big milestone: we've grown our team! With dedicated staff now on board, we've scaled up operations and are gaining momentum toward our long-term dream—a permanent facility right here in Central Oregon, the only metro area in our state without a children's museum. Our kids and families deserve these informal, play-based learning opportunities right here at home. We invite local champions to help us make it happen.

To our incredible supporters:

To our donors and sponsors: Thank you for helping us reach more families.

To our staff and volunteers: Your energy and enthusiasm make every interaction magical—every time.

To our Boards, Capital Campaign team, and consultants: Thank you for guiding our growth with vision and care.

Together, we're building a future where every child in Central Oregon has access to joyful, curiosity-driven learning.

With deep gratitude,

Natalie Wieder, Board Chair



going mobile

In 2024, CMCO hit the road—literally—with our Mobile Museum, bringing hands-on STEAM play to schools, libraries, and events across Central Oregon. Designed for kids birth to 11, it features engaging activities like wind tunnels, building blocks, and coding critters. Available in both full and mini formats, the Mobile Museum makes learning accessible, inclusive, and joyful—while building excitement for our future permanent home.

bold vision

This year, CMCO finalized its Visitor Experience Plan in partnership with Gyroscope, Inc., laying the foundation for a world-class, place-based STEAM museum rooted in Central Oregon's unique landscape.

A feasibility study conducted with Mind Splash, a leading expert in children's museums, confirmed that our plans are sustainable. By comparing our business model to those of similar-sized geographic areas, the study validated the viability of our project and affirmed its alignment with industry standards. This encouraging milestone brings us one step closer to making our vision a reality and creating a lasting impact for children and families in our community.

Together, these milestones bring our vision into sharp focus and lay a strong foundation for CMCO to thrive as a vibrant hub of discovery, belonging, and play.



2024 in numbers

2 Mobile Museum Pop Ups Hosted



615 children attended

12 Exhibits Purchased



1st

elementary school program



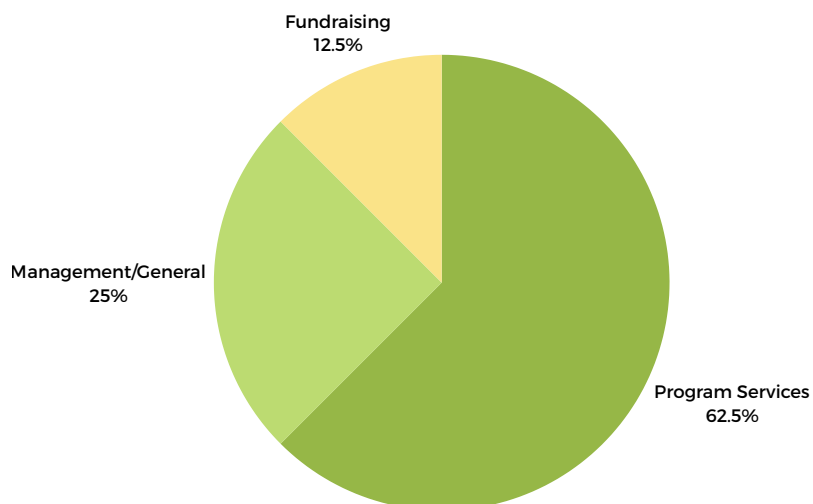
2 Staff Hired



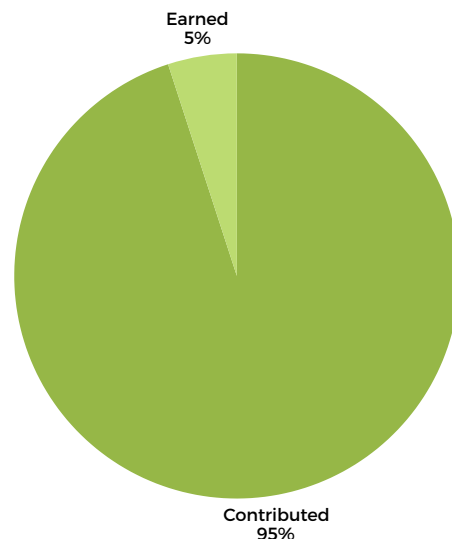
financial statement

CMCO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides hands-on STEAM experiences for children and families in Central Oregon. We are currently operating as a museum without walls and plan to build a permanent children's museum in Bend, Oregon. Donations qualify for a charitable tax deduction.

expenses: \$65,112



revenue: \$88,717



2024 donors

This year's launch of our Mobile Museum reinforces that the generosity of our supporters is making an impact on our community!

We extend our deepest gratitude to the following;

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And to the many individual donors who helped make this year a monumental success, Thank You!
Our community is our greatest gift and our success this year is entirely due to your support.

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