Science, Community, and Limitless Possibility

The New York Hall of Science
2024 and 2025 Annual Report

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO AND BOARD CHAIR

Looking Toward the Future

As we reflect on the past year, we are energized by the work we have done and continue to do leading the incredible institution that is the New York Hall of Science. Born from the spirit of the 1964 World's Fair, the Hall of Science has evolved into an essential part of New York's cultural and educational fabric.

The Hall is a place with immense meaning to the New York community, a place that evokes passion, with loyal visitors who came here as children and now bring their children decades later. But it is more than just a building. Our exhibitions and hands-on STEM experiences spark curiosity for visitors of all ages. Our education program engages our youngest learners, provides professional development for educators to bring science to life for children, and fosters multigenerational learning that extends well beyond the classroom. Our youth and workforce development program, the Alan J. Friedman Center for the Development of Young Scientists, nurtures high school and college students' interest in STEM education and careers, helping them envision futures in science and technology. And our research team partners with staff across the institution to improve our practices, understand our impact, and deepen our efforts to support ambitious, creative STEM learning.

None of this is possible without partnerships. Partnerships with our supporters whose philanthropy advances our mission; with public and private agencies; and with our neighbors and community members. Our partners help us reach learners wherever they are—in our science center, in classrooms, online, and in the communities we serve—and empower every person to discover their place in the world of STEM. We look forward to continuing and expanding upon our important work together.

With appreciation,

Lisa J. Gugenheim
President & CEO

Timothy J. Tynan
Chair, Board of Trustees

Design Make Play

NYSCI's exhibitions and programs are created to support all learners in using the tools of science and engineering in creative, joyful, and inventive ways...enabling everyone to become a confident and empowered STEM learner.

DESIGN
to discover

MAKE
to create

PLAY
to engage

“NYSCI in my community means a wealth of opportunities.”
Watch Video

NYSCI ignites curiosity across generations—creating a trajectory of STEM learning experiences that connect science and technology to everyday life.

CityWorks: Building Tomorrow's Cities Today

In May 2025, NYSCI opened *CityWorks*, a major exhibition on urban infrastructure that offers visitors a rare opportunity to see inside the living systems of their city and discover how science is powering bold solutions to climate and infrastructure challenges. *CityWorks* focuses on four key aspects of urban life and their relationship to each other: Transportation, Water and Wastewater, Sanitation, and Urban Development. *CityWorks* anchors NYSCI's commitment to inspiring all New Yorkers to use the tools of science and engineering to explore, understand, and improve our city.

This interactive exhibit was made possible by: public and private partnerships with government agencies including the MTA NYC Transit, NYCPS Office of Energy and Sustainability, NYC Departments of Aging, City Planning, Citywide Administrative Services, Environmental Protection, Health, Parks and Recreation, and Sanitation; engineers; urban planners; nonprofit organizations; research funded by the National Science Foundation; and philanthropic support.

We express our deep gratitude to the following supporters: Freedom Together Foundation, Lily Auchincloss Foundation, Sara Lee Schupf and the Lubin Family Foundation, The Plumbing Foundation City of New York, Inc., Ravenel B. Curry III, and the State of New York.

Learn More

Early Childhood STEM Learning and Engagement

NYSCI collaborates with local District 24 schools, families, and other community partners to ensure that our museum is a welcoming and dynamic hub for STEM learning. Since September 2022, NYSCI has enriched early science learning for 3K and Pre-K students at Q369, which we opened on campus in partnership with NYC Public Schools (NYCPS). Through our Pre-K STEM Enrichment Program, NYSCI engages the whole school ecosystem in collaborative STEM learning by creating science and engineering enrichment activities, providing professional development for educators, and engaging families through events to foster multigenerational learning.

NYSCI at Q369 reaches more than 240 students, 60 teachers and paraprofessionals, and 1,000 participants at family events each year.

Expanding Our Reach and Impact

With philanthropic support from the Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation, NYSCI expanded the Program to four additional Pre-K Centers part of the Mosaic network in Corona, Queens: Q372, Q422, Q391, and Q373. As a result, in the past three years, NYSCI has served approximately 500 students and 50 teachers and paraprofessionals through 25 professional development trainings and 50 science coaching visits. In addition, NYSCI has engaged approximately 500 students through field trips or STEM shows and 835 participants at family engagement events.

We also developed for educators three literacy-based engineering guides, which were funded by the Guttman Foundation and the NYCPS. The guides use our Design, Make, Play approach of designing playful STEM experiences as an anchor for exploration and skill-building to complement the NYCPS Pre-K curriculum.

3K/Pre-K Activity Guide

NYSCI is where science becomes a tool for understanding our world and shaping our future together.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ANNUAL IMPACT INCLUDE:

250,000
visitors
explore our 450+ exhibits and programs

95,000
children
from school or camp groups enjoy NYSCI

3,000
educators
receive training to make science engaging in the classroom

The Science Career Ladder

Shaping the Future of STEM

NYSCI has been empowering young people with the confidence, skills, and experience to chart their own paths in science and technology. Our signature youth and workforce development program, the Alan J. Friedman Center for the Development of Young Scientists, features the Science Career Ladder (SCL), which has equipped 5,000 people with mentorship and hands-on experience that prepares them for college and careers in STEM. These young people, known as "Explainers," work as museum facilitators, bringing exhibits to life and making STEM accessible and exciting for every visitor who enters our doors. Through their work, Explainers build communication skills, professional confidence, and a deep understanding in STEM that form the foundation for college and career success. In 2026, we are celebrating the SCL's 40th anniversary, a remarkable milestone that reflects our long-standing investment in young people and in building the future STEM workforce.

> "Being in the SCL has been a journey of learning more about who I am and who I aspire to be. NYSCI has helped me to build self-confidence and the skills to be a leader."
>
> **—Anisha Tulloch, Senior Explainer**

Thank you to the following funders who made the Friedman Center's Science Career Ladder program possible in FY24 and FY25.

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Research that Shapes STEM Learning

Our research team collaborates with developers of our exhibits and programs, our local community members, and external partners across the country to explore new strategies for fostering STEM learning within the museum and beyond our walls. Support from the National Science Foundation funded a pilot program to add two Postdoctoral Fellows to our team. Fellows led original research that explored the intersection of science, food, and culture, and the conditions and strategies that support effective institutional change. Insights generated by their research inform our own programming and contribute to the broader educational and research communities to help make STEM education more responsive to the needs of our audiences.

Decoding Your Brain and AI

Through the AI Institute for ARtificial and Natural Intelligence (ARNI), a five-year partnership with Columbia University supported by the National Science Foundation, NYSCI is engaging cohorts of Explainers in year-long fellowships to develop museum activities that foster public engagement with AI and neuroscience. The program provides Explainers with summer experiences at Columbia, where they deepen their knowledge and guide activity development in collaboration with NYSCI staff. Public engagement activities developed through this partnership invite visitors and their families to discover how our brains work, tinker with AI to explore exciting parts of being human (like experiencing and seeing how memories form), and investigate how AI is similar to and different from the way humans think.

ARNI Institute

Partnerships Power NYSCI's Community-Centered STEM Programs

The Simons Foundation has been a dedicated supporter of NYSCI for nearly 14 years. Their partnership has enabled NYSCI to become an indispensable part of the educational and cultural fabric of our immediate community of Corona and its surrounding neighborhoods. Central to this work is NYSCI's commitment to developing programs in close collaboration with community stakeholders—including families, educators, local organizations, and community leaders—to ensure that offerings reflect community strengths, priorities, and lived experiences. This approach has shaped a wide range of initiatives, including parent and family engagement opportunities that explore how science connects to everyday life through participants' own languages, cultural traditions, and personal interests; the Science Innovators Club afterschool program for third- and fourth-graders; school and community outreach events; and community-anchored celebrations that draw up to 1,000 attendees annually.

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Special Events

Gala FY 2024

On November 8, 2023, NYSCI's Celebrate Science and Inspiration Gala brought together leaders in STEM to salute a shared commitment to making STEM learning more accessible to everyone. We honored Steve Cohen, New York Mets Owner, with the Distinguished Leadership Award, which was accepted by Michael "Sully" Sullivan. We also honored Richard R. Buery, Jr., CEO of Robin Hood, with the Vision and Venture Award, and Ivan Tornos, President and CEO of Zimmer Biomet, with the Trailblazer in Science Award. NYSCI's Seidenberg Family Top of the Ladder Award was given to **Anisha Tulloch**, Senior Explainer. Funds raised from the Gala fuel NYSCI's efforts to deliver engaging STEM learning experiences to children, families, and educators and encourage the next generation of STEM leaders to solve global challenges for a better world.

Gala FY 2025

On November 4, 2024, leaders in STEM convened at NYSCI's Celebrate Science and Inspiration Gala to raise vital funds to help foster the next generation of STEM innovators and leaders. We honored Yann LeCun, MD, Chief AI Scientist of Meta, with the Trailblazer in Science Award, Frank Baker, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Siris Capital, with the Distinguished Leadership Award, and Mike Finley, CEO of Boingo Wireless, with the Vision and Venture Award. Senior Explainer **Edwin Gomez** received the Seidenberg Family Top of the Ladder Award.

President's Council

NYSCI's President's Council is a passionate group of STEM leaders and philanthropists who support NYSCI's work at the highest level. Through a series of invitation-only events, members connect with scientists and educators from NYSCI and our partner institutions, build relationships with STEM industry leaders, and engage with our programs firsthand.

Past events explored the intersection of quantum computing and AI and how these emerging technologies can solve problems that humanity is facing. We featured esteemed scientists Jeannette Wing, PhD, Xaq Pitkow, PhD, and Darío Gil, PhD, in that engaging discussion. Another event offered insights on the future of smart cities, AI, and urban development, and complemented the launch of *CityWorks*, our groundbreaking exhibition revealing the complex science, systems, and technologies behind an ever-evolving city. A panel of luminaries included Robert Galvin, Stacy Hobson, Amen Ra Mashariki, and Rafail Portnoy.

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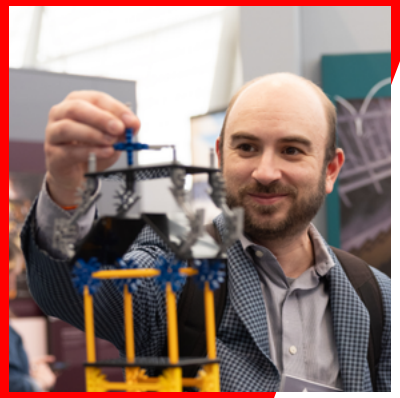

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FY2024 Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024 (with summarized totals for the year ended June 30, 2023)		Without Donor Restrictions			Donor Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
		Undesignated	Board Designated	Total			
OPERATING INCOME	Contributions and grants	$ 9,340,497	—	$ 9,340,497	$ 3,415,153	$ 12,755,650	$ 9,212,664
	In-kind contributions	752,845	—	752,845	—	752,845	1,072,168
	Appropriations from the City of New York	2,133,294	—	2,133,294	—	2,133,294	2,200,134
	Admissions, workshops, memberships, and exhibit fees	3,353,510	—	3,353,510	—	3,353,510	2,748,560
	Use of facilities and other income	942,182	—	942,182	—	942,182	879,252
	Investment return allocated to operations	746,660	—	746,660	57,533	804,193	614,693
	Auxiliary activities	326,739	—	326,739	-	326,739	342,173
	Subtotal	17,595,727	—	17,595,727	3,472,686	21,068,413	17,069,644
	Board designation of funds	(1,497,729)	1,497,729	—	—	—	—
	Use of designated funds	1,372,230	(1,372,230)	—	—	—	—
	Net assets released from restrictions	4,523,847	—	4,523,847	(4,523,847)	—	—
	Total Operating Income	21,994,075	125,499	22,119,574	(1,051,161)	21,068,413	17,069,644
OPERATING EXPENSES	Program Services						
	Museum experiences	5,134,866	—	5,134,866	—	5,134,866	4,283,210|
	Education	3,825,314	—	3,825,314	—	3,825,314	3,698,868
	Research and development	6,261,760	—	6,261,760	—	6,261,760	4,059,639
	Youth development	2,000,726	—	2,000,726	—	2,000,726	1,805,286
	Total Program Services	17,222,666		17,222,666		17,222,666	13,847,003
	Supporting Services						
	Management and general	2,953,309	—	2,953,309	—	2,953,309	2,433,149
	Marketing and communications	177,483	—	177,483	—	177,483	117,436
	Fundraising	1,236,268	—	1,236,268	—	1,236,268	1,331,855
	Total Supporting Services	4,367,060	—	4,367,060	—	4,367,060	3,882,440
	Total Operating Expenses	21,589,726	—	21,589,726	—	21,589,726	17,729,443
	Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Income Over Operating Expenses	404,349	125,499	529,848	(1,051,161)	(521,313)	(659,799)
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Investment return	—	250,756	250,756	74,437	325,193	285,740
	Net gain (loss) on flood	957,013	—	957,013	—	957,013	(686,912)
	Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness	—	—	—	—	—	2,032,558
	Contributions - capital campaign	—	—	—	—	—	47,400
	Contributions - board designated endowment	—	319,290	319,290	—	319,290	—
	Contributions - endowment	—	—	—	—	—	1,540,914
	Contributions for property and equipment — appropriations from the City of New York	—	—	—	1,230,911	1,230,911	155,289
	Net assets released from restrictions for capital expenditures	155,289	—	155,289	(155,289)	—	—
	Depreciation expense	(4,803,262)	—	(4,803,262)	—	(4,803,262)	(4,778,125)
	Change in Net Assets	(3,286,611)	695,545	(2,591,066)	98,898	(2,492,168)	(2,062,935)
NET ASSETS	Beginning of year	37,856,341	4,001,120	41,857,461	7,626,540	49,484,001	51,546,936
	End of year	$ 34,569,730	$ 4,696,665	$ 39,266,395	$ 7,725,438	$ 46,991,833	$ 49,484,001

FY2024 Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2024 (with comparative amounts at June 30, 2023)		2024	2023
ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,220,266	$ 3,372,610
	Grants and contributions receivable, net	5,809,792	4,531,865
	Prepaid expenses and other assets	518,979	626,302
	Investments	11,088,332	9,908,232
	Property and equipment, net	30,260,130	33,387,866
	Total Assets	$ 49,897,499	$ 51,826,875
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	Liabilities		
	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 1,988,354	$ 1,486,385
	Deferred revenue	423,567	311,955
	Long-term debt	493,745	544,534
	Total Liabilities	2,905,666	2,342,874
	Net Assets		
	Without donor restrictions	39,266,395	41,857,461
	With donor restrictions	7,725,438	7,626,540
	Total Net Assets	46,991,833	49,484,001
	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 49,897,499	$ 51,826,875

FY2025 Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2025 (with summarized totals for the year ended June 30, 2024)		Without Donor Restrictions			Donor Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
		Undesignated	Board Designated	Total			
OPERATING INCOME	Contributions and grants	$ 12,199,228	—	$ 12,199,228	$ 1,625,021	$ 13,824,249	$ 12,755,650
	In-kind contributions	917,169	—	917,169	—	917,169	752,845
	Appropriations from the City of New York	2,273,531	—	2,273,531	—	2,273,531	2,133,294
	Admissions, workshops, memberships, and exhibit fees	3,259,967	—	3,259,967	—	3,259,967	3,353,510
	Use of facilities and other income	844,915	—	844,915	—	844,915	942,182
	Investment return allocated to operations	587,249	—	587,249	57,565	644,814	804,193
	Auxiliary activities	447,519	—	447,519	—	447,519	326,739
	Subtotal	20,529,578	—	20,529,578	1,682,586	22,212,164	21,068,413
	Board designation of funds	(886,763)	886,763	—	—	—	—
	Use of designated funds	1,478,310	(1,478,310)	—	—	—	—
	Net assets released from restrictions	3,114,978	—	3,114,978	(3,114,978)	—	—
	Total Operating Income	24,236,103	(591,547)	23,644,556	(1,432,392)	22,212,164	21,068,413
OPERATING EXPENSES	Program Services						
	Museum experiences	6,039,864	—	6,039,864	—	6,039,864	5,134,866
	Education	4,029,194	—	4,029,194	—	4,029,194	3,825,314
	Research and development	8,813,888	—	8,813,888	—	8,813,888	6,261,760
	Youth development	2,243,273	—	2,243,273	—	2,243,273	2,000,726
	Total Program Services	21,126,219		21,126,219	—	21,126,219	17,222,666
	Supporting Services						
	Management and general	4,124,760	—	4,124,760	—	4,124,760	2,953,309
	Marketing and communications	88,094	—	88,094	—	88,094	177,483
	Fundraising	1,224,152	—	1,224,152	—	1,224,152	1,236,268
	Total Supporting Services	5,437,006	—	5,437,006	—	5,437,006	4,367,060
	Total Operating Expenses	26,563,225	—	26,563,225	—	26,563,225	21,589,726
	Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Income Over Operating Expenses	(2,327,122)	(591,547)	(2,918,669)	(1,432,392)	(4,351,061)	(521,313)
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Investment return	—	167,153	167,153	43,577	210,730	325,193
	Net gain (loss) on flood	1,990,006	—	1,990,006	—	1,990,006	957,013
	CARES Act stimulus revenue	90,979	—	90,979	—	90,979	—
	Contributions - board designated endowment	—	—	—	—	—	319,290
	Contributions for property and equipment — appropriations from the City of New York	—	—	—	1,941,172	1,941,172	1,230,911
	Net assets released from restrictions for capital expenditures	1,230,911	—	1,230,911	(1,230,911)	—	—
	Depreciation expense	(3,315,700)	—	(3,315,700)	—	(3,315,700)	(4,803,262)
	Change in Net Assets	(2,330,926)	(424,394)	(2,755,320)	(678,554)	(3,433,874)	(2,492,168)
NET ASSETS	Beginning of year	34,569,730	4,696,665	39,266,395	7,725,438	46,991,833	49,484,001
	End of year	$ 32,238,804	$ 4,272,271	$ 36,511,075	$ 7,046,884	$ 43,557,959	$ 46,991,833

FY2025 Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2025 (with comparative amounts at June 30, 2024)		2025	2024
ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,558,263	$ 2,220,266
	Grants and contributions receivable, net	7,685,372	5,809,792
	Accounts receivable	410,465	399,551
	Prepaid expenses and other assets	196,433	119,428
	Investments	10,797,890	11,088,332
	Property and equipment, net	28,769,100	30,260,130
	Total Assets	$ 51,417,523	$ 49,897,499
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	Liabilities		
	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 3,581,508	$ 1,988,354
	Deferred revenue	212,098	423,567
	Line of credit payable	3,605,470	—
	Long-term debt	460,488	493,745
	Total Liabilities	7,859,564	2,905,666
	Net Assets		
	Without donor restrictions	36,511,075	39,266,395
	With donor restrictions	7,046,884	7,725,438
	Total Net Assets	43,557,959	46,991,833
	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 51,417,523	$ 49,897,499

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