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A STORY OF YEARS 2024-2025



Thank You, Broadhurst Family and Bob Denove!

The Broadhurst Family exemplifies what makes Pittsburgh such a great place for children.

We were honored to recognize the family with the Great Friend of Children award in appreciation of their multigenerational commitment to the welfare and education

of children. Suzy, Jim and their family have long championed joyful learning experiences. Their deep-rooted dedication includes active nonprofit board service by Sheryl and Jeff, Jen and Brooks and Amy and Mark. Jen has served on the Children's Museum board for 22 years, including four years as board president.



This story is dedicated to Bob Denove, who has served on the Board of Directors of the Museum for more than 30 years. Bob's generosity, diligence and commitment have touched every corner of the Museum. We are so grateful for Bob's many years of service and honored to name him as a new Emeritus Board member.

Antoinette wants to give her mom,
Queenie, the perfect gift. But what do you
give someone who has everything?

"I know where to go," says Antoinette.

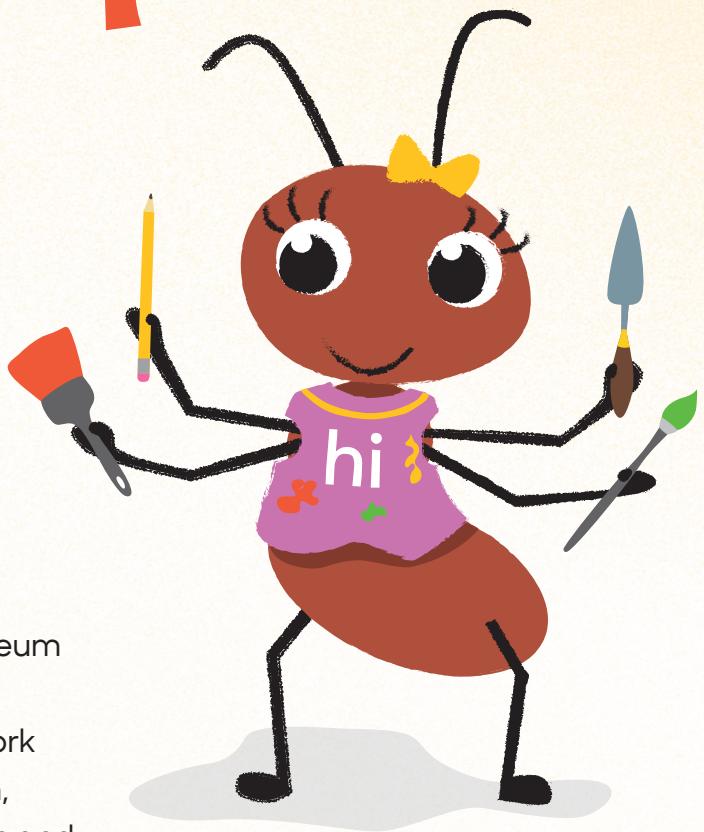
"The Children's Museum is
filled with wonderful things A to Z.
Surely, I can find the perfect gift there."

Antoinette gathers all her courage and
begins the search for something her mom
will treasure forever.



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Aa art



EACH YEAR, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh welcomes art installations and adds artwork to our permanent collection, sharing real art with children and families.* In 2024-2025, Tough Artists

La Vispera (Kelly Jimenez and Alejandro Franco), Bryce Li and Sydney Parcell created site-specific artworks that withstood the enthusiasm of hands-on interaction. The Fine Foundation supported the 15th year of the Fresh, Innovative, Non-Stop Expression (F.I.N.E.) Residency, which invited 14 artists to create a collaborative installation and conduct workshops and live demonstrations for children and families. Artist and dancer Kaila Carter presented "Now You Don't See Me," and Claire Celeste Börsch installed a cut paper assemblage celebrating biodiversity and native Pennsylvanian flora and fauna.

* Much of the art in our collection has been donated by generous community members. We recently accepted gifts of art and objects from Cecile H. Levenson and Laurence E. Paul. Thank you!

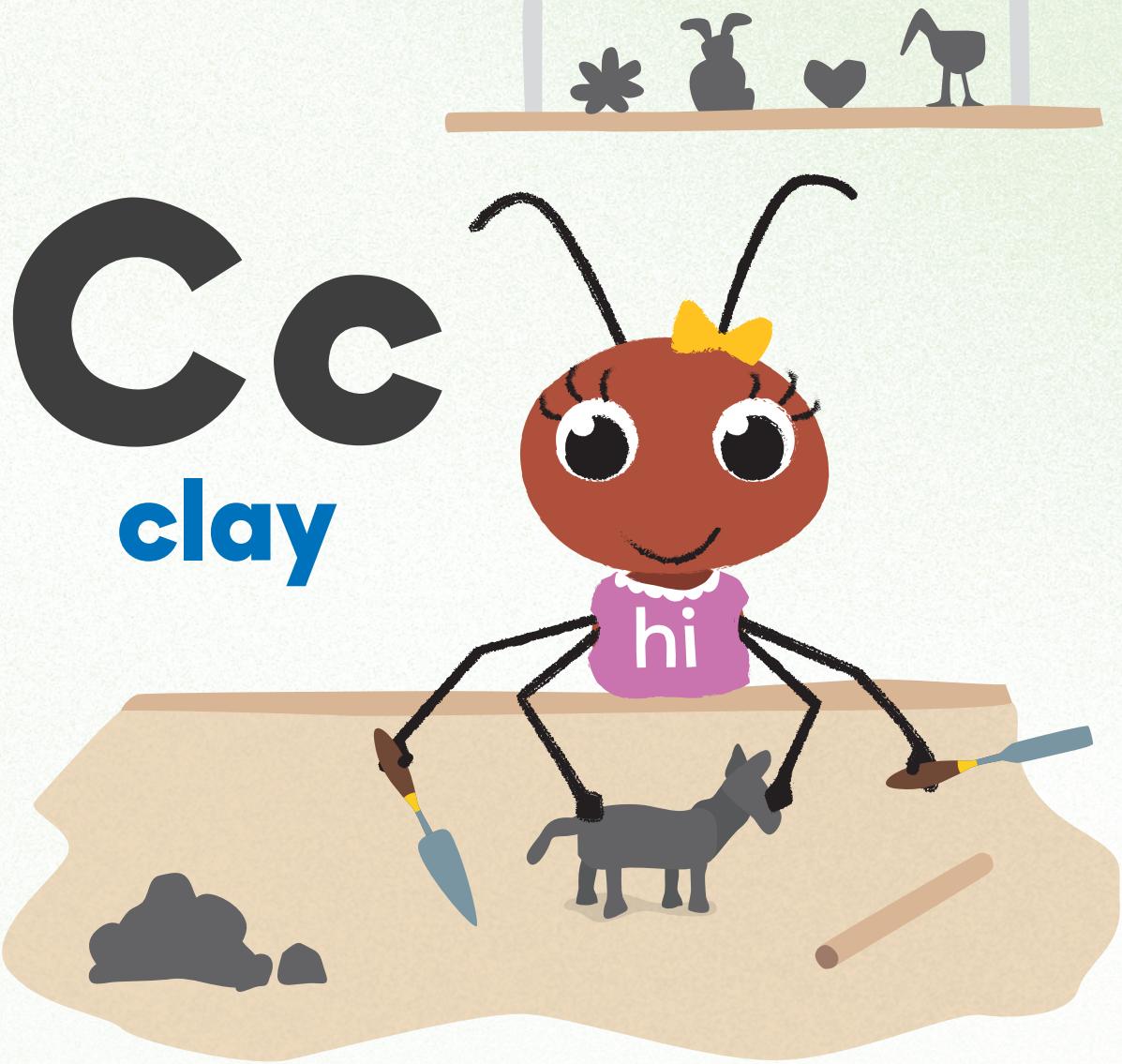
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balls



DID YOU EVER WONDER how many balls bounce and roll through the Children's Museum? There are 675!* In order of magnitude: "Lake Light" by Issac Levine contains 480 balls; "Orange Circles" by Gregory Witt, 60; the wind machine has 37; "The Beast" by Nova Jiang has 27; and "The Music Machine" designed and built by the Museum's Creative Experiences team has five. "Slowly Rolling Pulley Bob Ball Machine" by Henry Loustau (a gift of the Perelman family) has three.

* Ball census varies based on contents of the changing exhibit gallery and the number of balls that survive a rough day of play. Balls for purchase in the gift shop are not included.



LIKE MOLDING CLAY, our professional development programs shape the future of the museum field. In 2023, we launched MuseumLab for Museum Professionals (MLMP), an eight-month immersive program sparking creative innovation to help museums adapt to today's diverse audiences. MLMP participants design exhibits and programs that champion creativity, authenticity, technology integration, accessibility and emotional engagement. Participants collaborate with seasoned exhibit professionals to transform bold ideas into tangible, interactive experiences through an iterative design process.

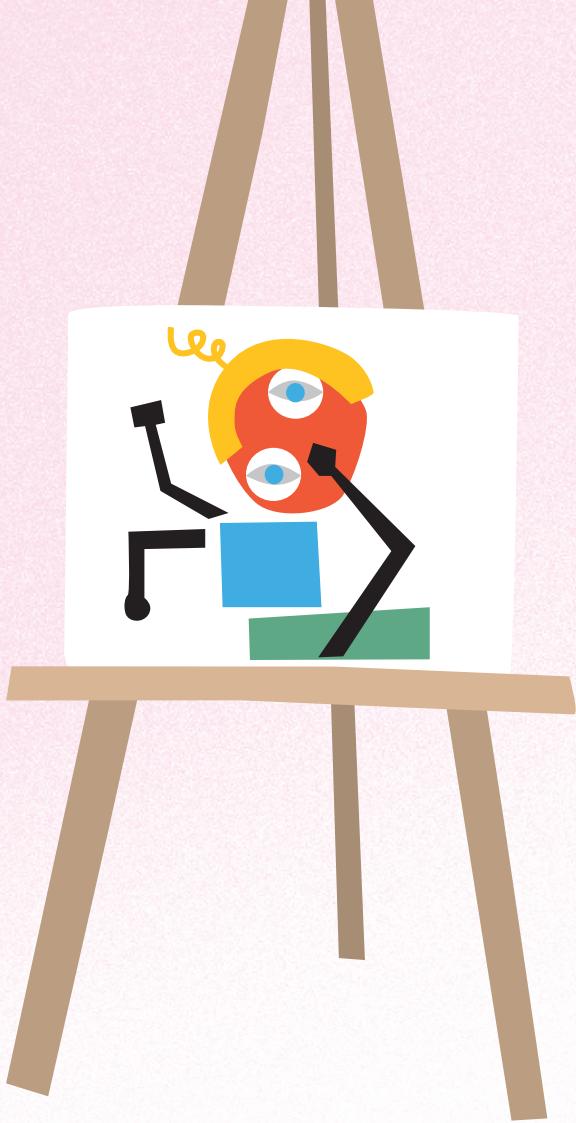
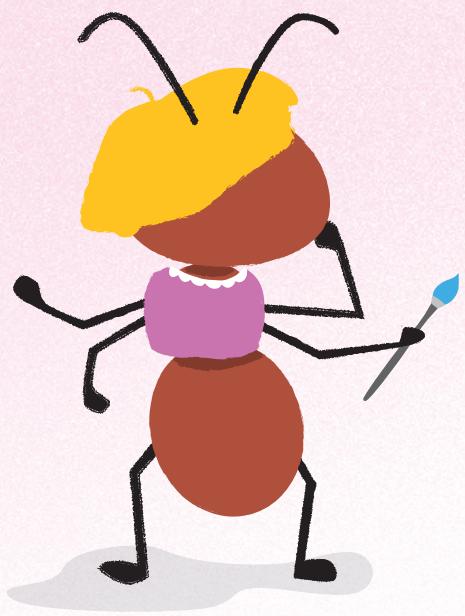
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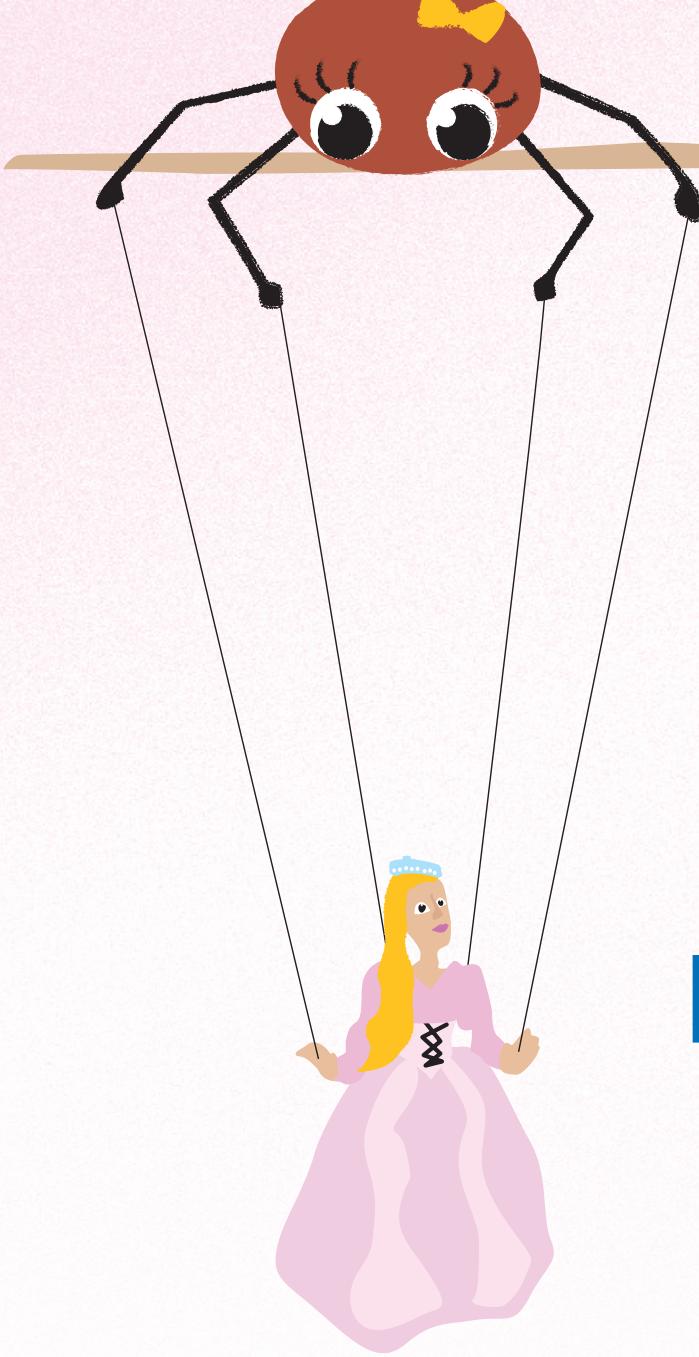


OUR DONKEY, found in the Lobby, was made by Nek Chand (1924–2015), an Indian self-taught artist known for creating the Rock Garden of Chandigarh, made entirely from recycled materials, rubble and found objects. He secretly built the garden starting in 1965, transforming demolished village sites into the massive 25-acre sculpture garden. Discovered in 1972, the garden became a national treasure. In 2019, our Museum was gifted 49 Chand sculptures by the National Children's Museum, where Chand, in the early 1980s, completed his first works outside of India.

Ee easel



EASELS ARE JUST ONE of the many tools that spark creativity in the Children's Museum's Art Studio. Thanks to generous donors like you, we keep our shelves stocked with art materials like paper, paint, ink and clay. These same materials are used by artists whose works inspire our exhibits. "I AM WILD: A Charley Harper Exhibit," launched in January 2025 with support from PPG Foundation, was inspired by Harper's iconic style celebrating the beauty of animals, insects and birds. In the Art Studio, visitors can channel Harper's spirit of creativity through hands-on activities that empower each child to express their unique artistic voice.



Ff

fairy puppet

MANY OF THE PUPPETS on display at the Museum are from the collection of renowned puppeteer, Margo Lovelace. Lovelace was best known for her Lovelace Marionette Theatre Company, which operated on Shadyside's Ellsworth Avenue from 1965 through 1978, and then at the Carnegie Museum of Art Theater until her retirement in 1985. When Lovelace retired, she donated her puppets, including the fairy puppet, to the Children's Museum.

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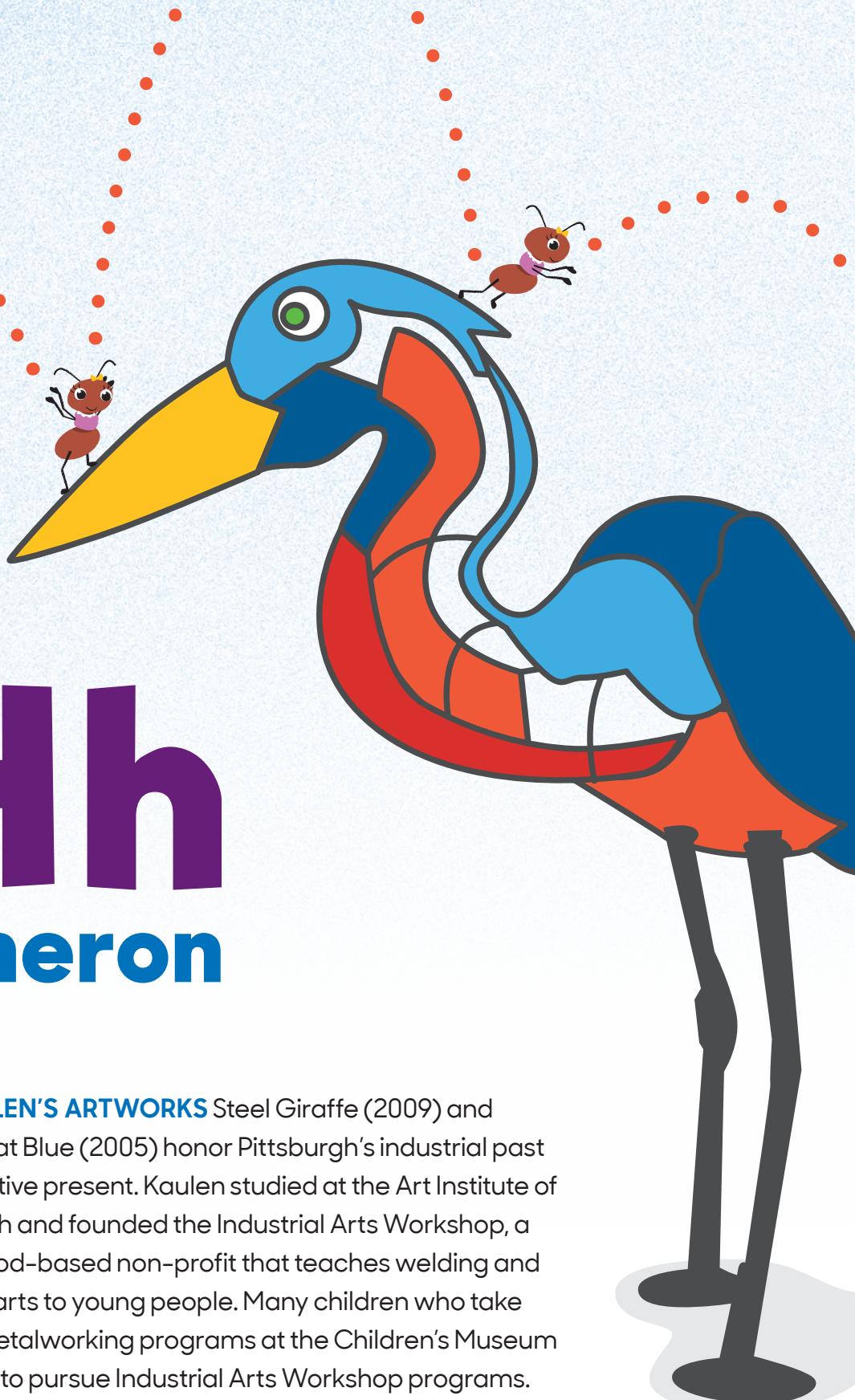
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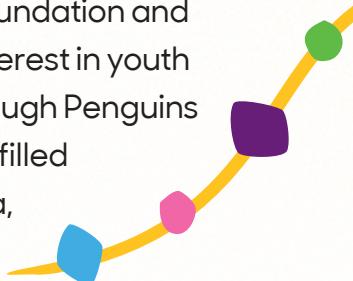
TIM KAULEN'S ARTWORKS Steel Giraffe (2009) and One Great Blue (2005) honor Pittsburgh's industrial past and creative present. Kaulen studied at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and founded the Industrial Arts Workshop, a Hazelwood-based non-profit that teaches welding and creative arts to young people. Many children who take part in metalworking programs at the Children's Museum progress to pursue Industrial Arts Workshop programs.



Ii ice



THE MUSEUM IS PARTNERING with Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to spark interest in youth hockey and make science-learning fun and engaging through Penguins Science Champions. This partnership kicked off with a joy-filled extravaganza for educators on the ice at PPG Paints Arena, where they brainstormed curriculum ideas in short, hockey-style periods and created lesson plans to design hockey gear improvements, optimize Zambonis and use team mascots as a gateway to animal and habitat education. Penguins Science Champions will help educators in Pennsylvania and West Virginia align with new Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy & Sustainability (STEELS) standards by co-creating a fun and engaging science curriculum for second and third grade classrooms.





Jj jewelry



THE MUSEUM'S CULTURE and Community Impact team brings together a diverse array of partner organizations, like beads on a beautiful necklace, to serve a broad spectrum of Pittsburgh communities. With support from friends like Jack Buncher Foundation and Clearview Federal Credit Union, and with the help of partners like Gwen's Girls, Youth Places, Manchester Youth Development Center, Manchester Academic Charter School, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Light of Life Rescue Mission, Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation, Watson Institute, Hello Neighbor, Homeless Children's Education Fund and Hosanna House, we provide opportunities for learning and play that delight children and families in the Museum and out in the community.

Kk kites



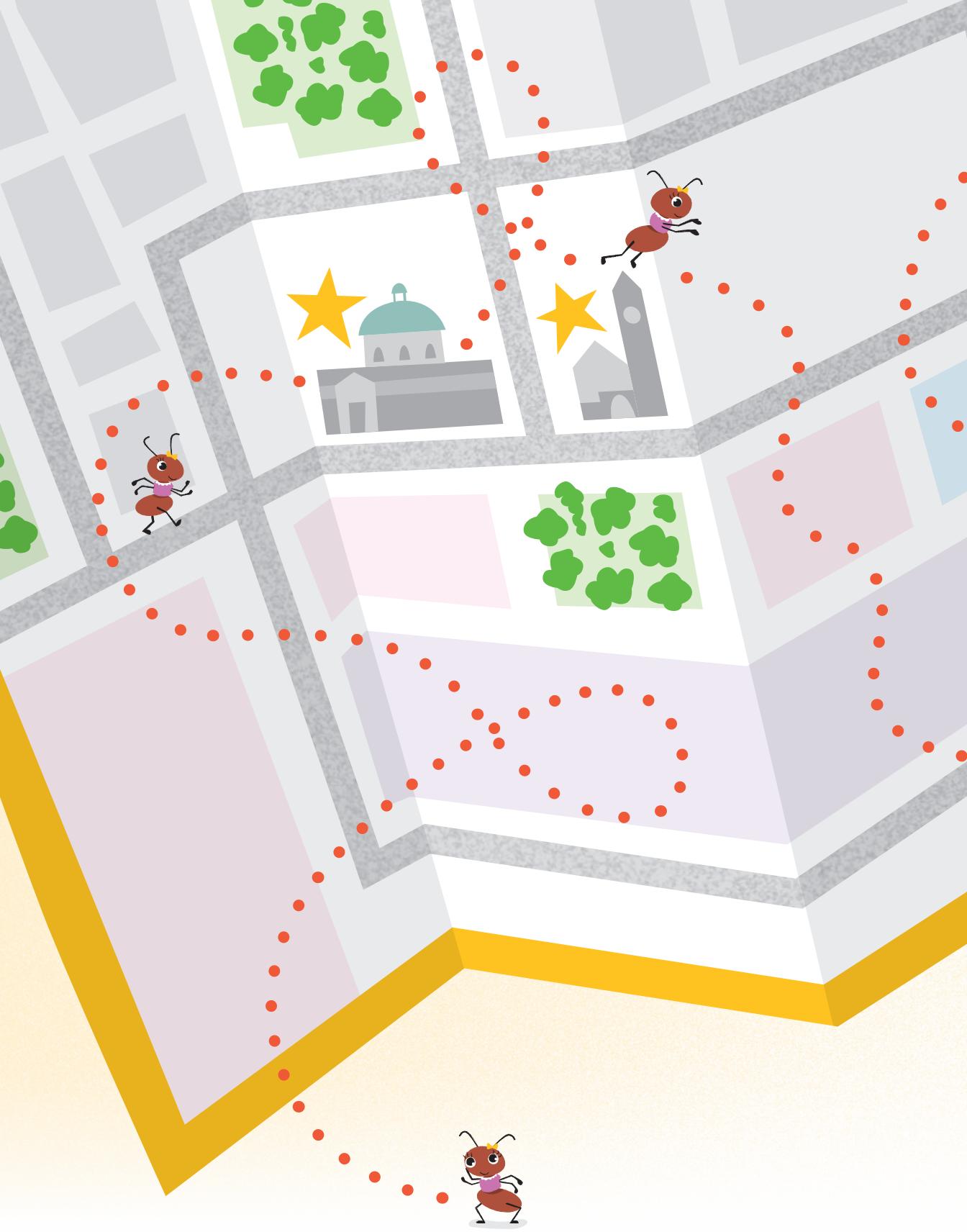
LIKE A KITE soaring high, the Museum is proud to have received the following awards and honors:

- Named as one of the top two children's museums in USA Today's 2025 10Best Readers' Choice Awards
- PA Museums' 2024 Special Achievement Award for "Aim High: Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen"
- Association of Midwest Museums' 2024 Best Practices Award for "Aim High: Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen"
- Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums' 2024 Making an Impact Award for "Aim High: Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen"
- TREX Award for 2025 Most Innovative Interactive Exhibit for "I AM WILD: A Charley Harper Exhibit"
- Cat Burton, Creative Producer, selected as a 2024 fellow of the Communicating the Arts 30 Under 30 program
- Teona Ringgold, Director of Culture & Community Impact, named in Pittsburgh Business Times' 30 Under 30 and New Pittsburgh Courier's FAB 40 Under 40 lists
- Jane Werner, Executive Director, received the Smart Business Smart 50 and IMPACT Awards
- American Institute of Architects' 2025 National Interior Architecture Award for MuseumLab

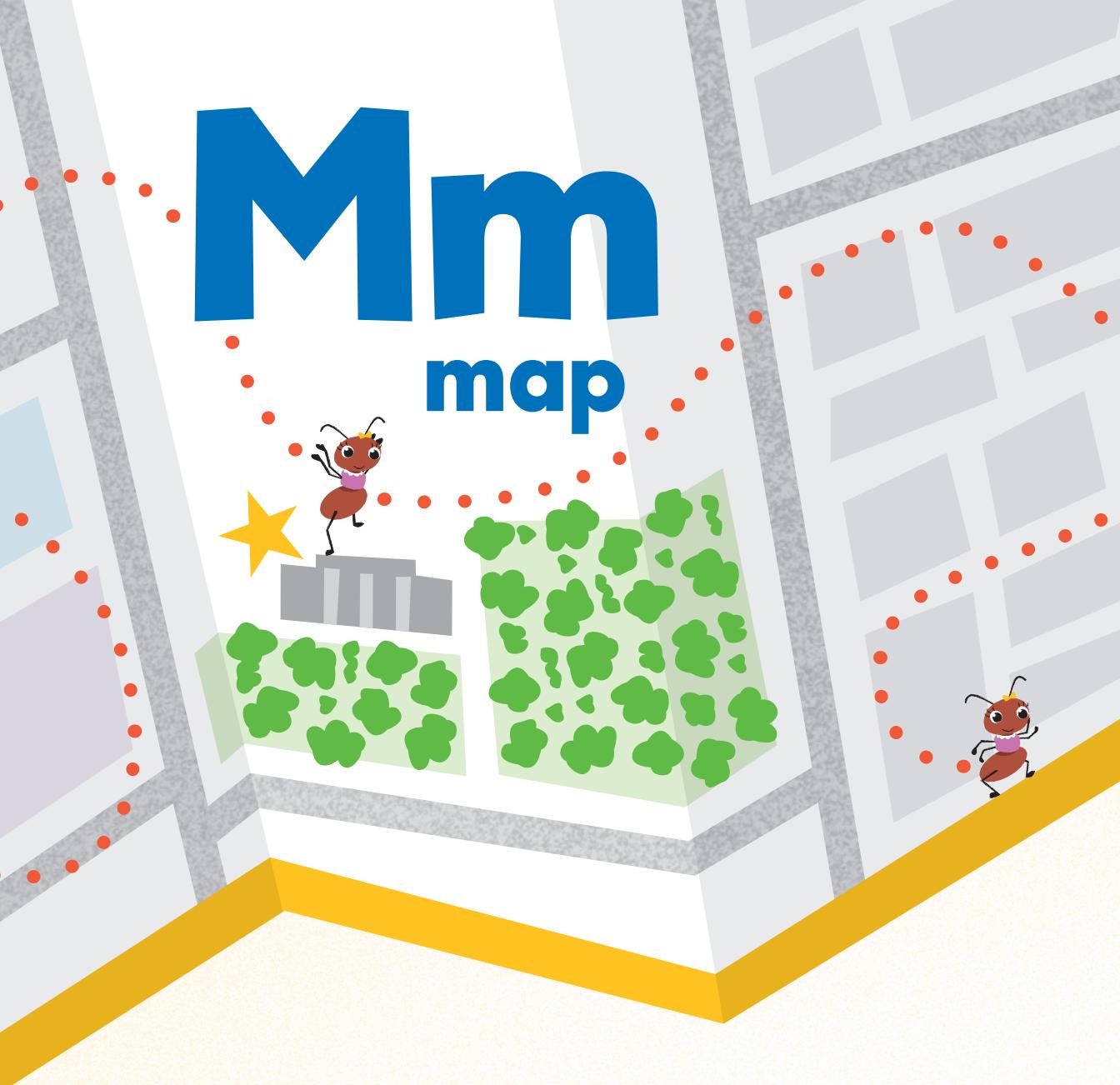
LI lozziwurm



THIS PAST SUMMER, the Backyard underwent the first phase of renovations with the unveiling of "Lozziwurm," donated by Carnegie Museum of Art. "Lozziwurm" is a playful, tubular sculpture first designed by Swiss artist Yvan Pestalozzi in 1972. The winding, worm-like shape is meant for climbing, crawling and imaginative play. The Backyard renovations will blend art and nature through innovative, contemporary art experiences for children and families. This phase of the Backyard refresh was supported by Richard King Mellon Foundation. We will continue the transformation in 2026-2027 with additional support.



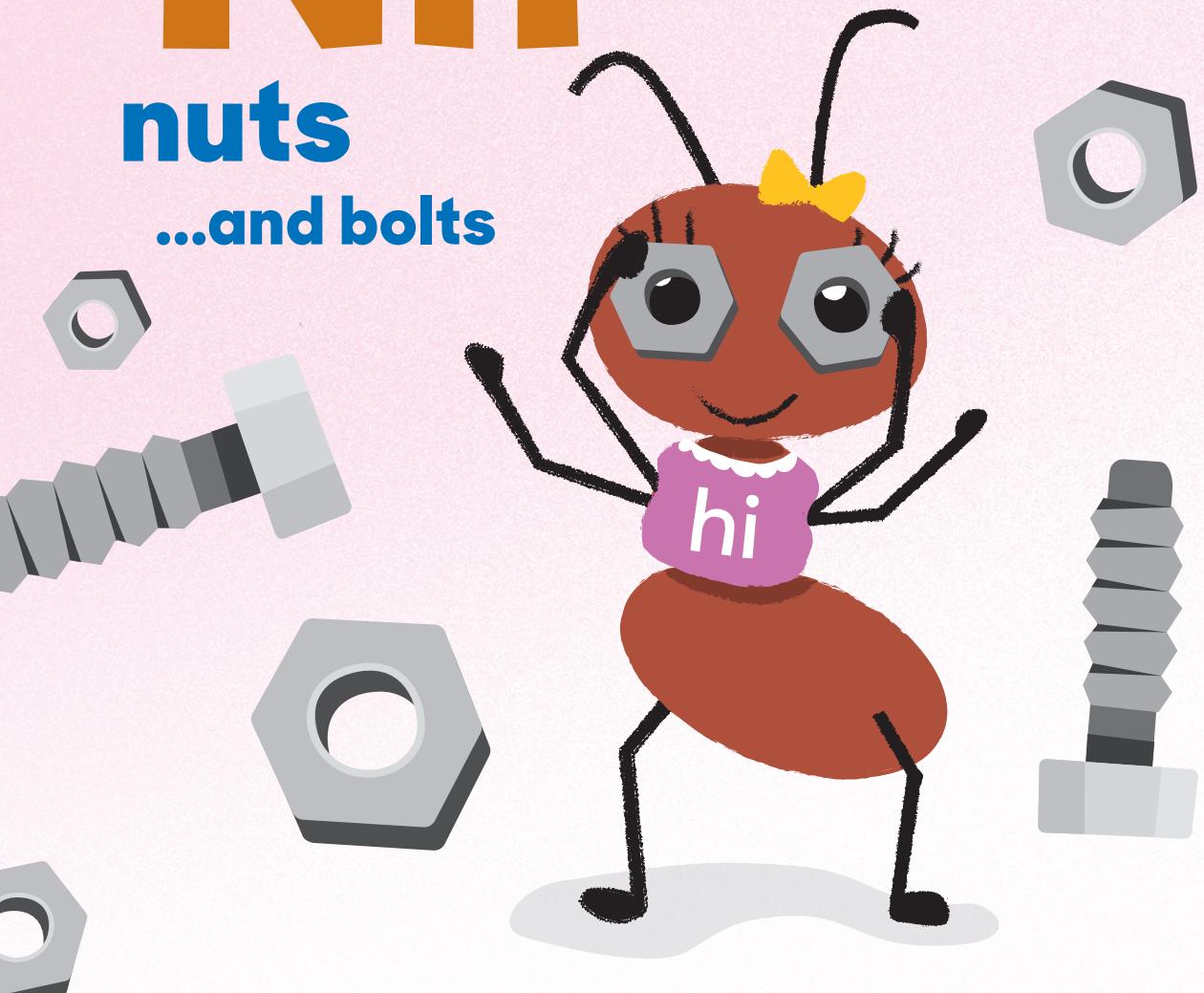
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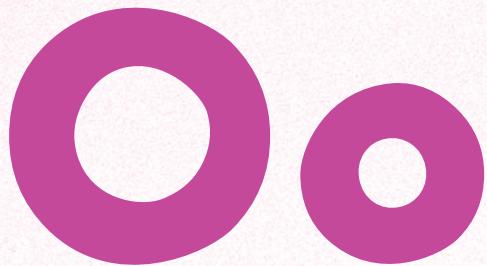
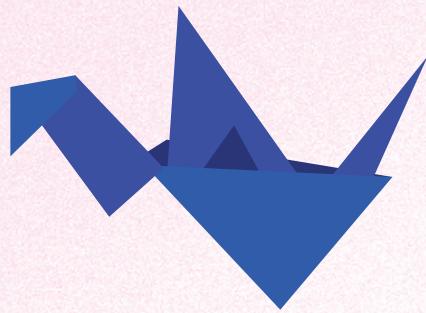
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH is mapping our way to the future! Making innovative and inclusive exhibits and experiences is at the heart of our mission, vision and values. We are currently raising funds to renovate a vacant property less than a half mile away to create the Annex, a workshop to envision, design and build the Museum's unique and profitable traveling exhibits and exhibit components. The Annex will also provide space for the Museum's artists-in-residency programs. This addition to our campus map will strengthen our practice of iterative prototyping and playtesting with visitors, and is vital to our earned revenue growth.

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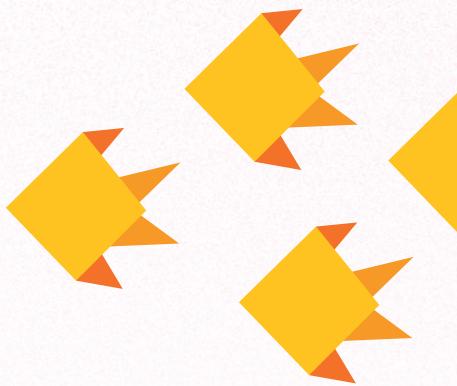
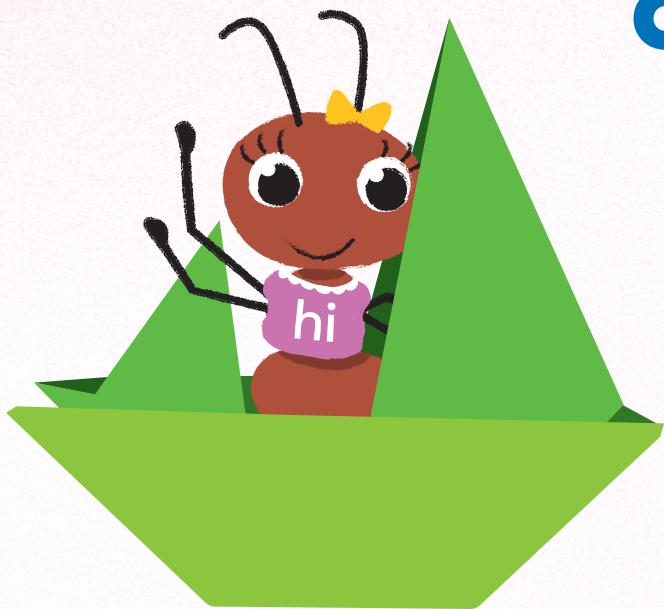
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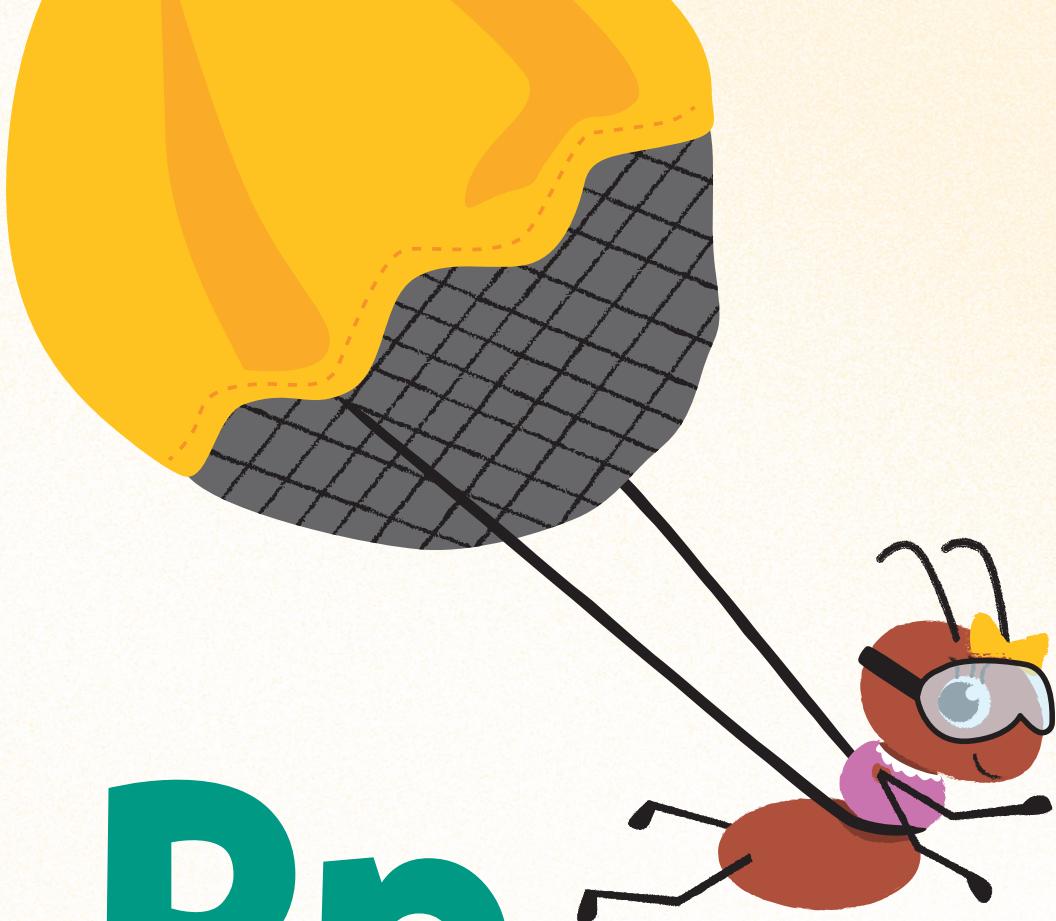
IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, we welcomed more than 275,000 guests including more than 50,000 individual members and nearly 15,000 field trip attendees. With the help of 552 donors, we delivered programs, exhibits and activities for 329 days of joyful learning. Our on-campus partners – Reading is Fundamental, SLB Radio Productions, Allies for Children, Manchester Academic Charter School and Pittsburgh Public Schools Pre-K – help us build strong foundations for children, one nut and bolt at a time.



origami



EACH WEEK, the Museum offers drop-in early childhood programs that provide fun and developmentally appropriate hands-on learning experiences for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Programs are free with Museum admission and, like folding origami, provide opportunities for our youngest visitors to develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, explore music and movement, learn about plants and animals, build literacy, use their senses and develop science skills. In the past year, we served more than 3,500 individuals through drop-in programs.



Pp

parachute

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM continues to lead the field in interactive exhibit design. Like a parachute, the entrepreneurial revenue earned from traveling exhibits, exhibit sales/licensing and design consulting provides stability and lift in our operating budget. This revenue has grown year over year since 2015. In fiscal year 2025, revenue earned from this work reached nearly \$2 million, with traveling exhibit revenue exceeding \$1.4 million. Since 2020, our 11 traveling exhibits were presented at 56 venues in 27 states, reaching 6,054,779 children and families.

Qq

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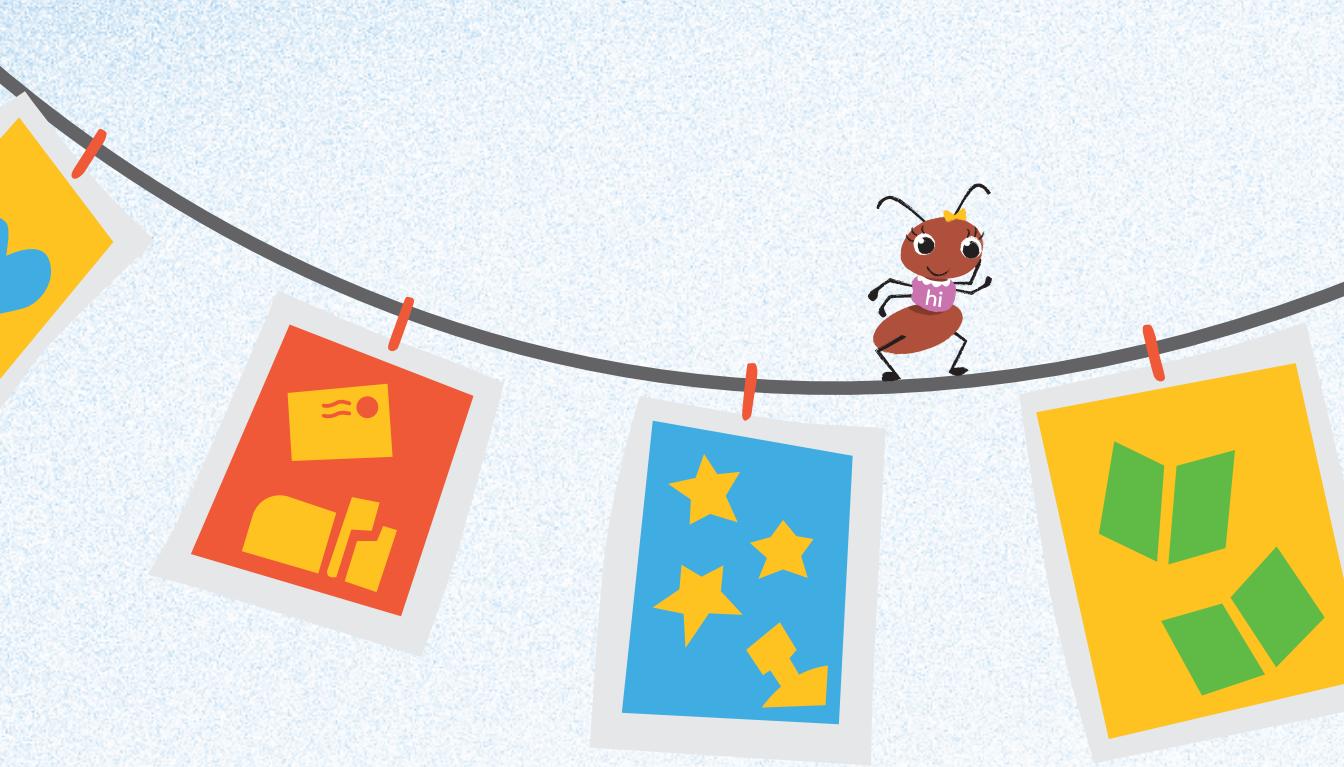


ACCESSIBILITY IS STITCHED into everything we do. We are thankful that a patchwork of supporters like you help reduce barriers to visiting the Museum by donating to our free or reduced admission offerings like Museums for All, which provides significantly reduced admission for families using ACCESS or EBT cards. Through the Education Improvement Tax Credit program, corporate partners and qualifying individuals can benefit from tax credits by underwriting free tours for Title 1 schools and need-based camp scholarships. Free admission is also supported in part by the taxpayers of Allegheny County through the Allegheny Regional Asset District RAD Pass for library cardholders.



Rr rollercoaster

LIKE ANY GOOD ROLLERCOASTER, this past year has had twists, turns, highs and drops. One dramatic turn was the abrupt cancellation of five grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and National Science Foundation (NSF). Since 2000, we have leveraged more than \$6 million in federal grants to develop many vital museum programs, including developing MAKESHOP®, teaching adults the power of simple interactions with children, employing artists in our Tough Art residency, advancing STEM learning and training future museum professionals. We are exploring new tracks to continue this essential work.



Ss

silkscreen

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please call us at
412-322-5058.

FROM THE BUILDINGS we inhabit to the materials children use, the Children's Museum is built around making the most of what we have.

A former post office, a former planetarium and a former library now annually see more than 275,000 children and caregivers, students and teachers, creatives and makers of all ages.

And 300 pounds of donated newspapers were used to create 100,000 silkscreened prints proudly hung in family art galleries.

Tt tape



TAPESCAPE 4.0

is coming to the Museum in January 2026. This remarkable temporary climbing structure made of scaffolding and hundreds of rolls of common packing tape was previously created here in 2013, 2016 and 2019. This version will offer a unique matrix of tape tunnels intricately woven around a metal frame to form a mesh of pathways and slides. Artist Eric Lennartson will create this exhibit with assistance from volunteers and Museum staff. Art and making activities with all forms of tape – a Tapeapalooza! – will complement the exhibit.

Uu

umbrella



UNDER MANY UMBRELLAS and a big tent, we celebrated the Great Night Gala with gala chairs Eric and Betsy Boughner. Suzy, Jen and Cora Broadhurst represented the Broadhurst Family, who were honored with the Great Friend of Children Award. As owner-operators of Eat'n Park Hospitality Group, the Broadhursts have fostered a sense of community for generations by welcoming families to share meals and millions of beloved Smiley® Cookies. Their generosity and commitment to Pittsburgh's families extends beyond their restaurants, touching lives through their service to nonprofits focused on the welfare and education of children.

Vv vegetables



THANKS TO THE BALL FOUNDATION, the Museum is turning aluminum cans into a garden with a grant to support single stream aluminum recycling infrastructure and recycling education. As cans are recycled, proceeds help grow our Garden exhibit, where children plant, tend and harvest vegetables and herbs – nurturing both the earth and young minds.

Ww Warhols



MAKE WAY FOR THE WARHOLS! Andy Warhol was a prominent American artist and filmmaker born in Pittsburgh. The Children's Museum owns 10 screen prints from Warhol's *Myth Series*, which depict childhood-related figures from twentieth-century America. These prints are frequently on display in spaces like our Kindness Gallery, the Buhl exhibit hallway and MuseumLab's Grable Gallery.



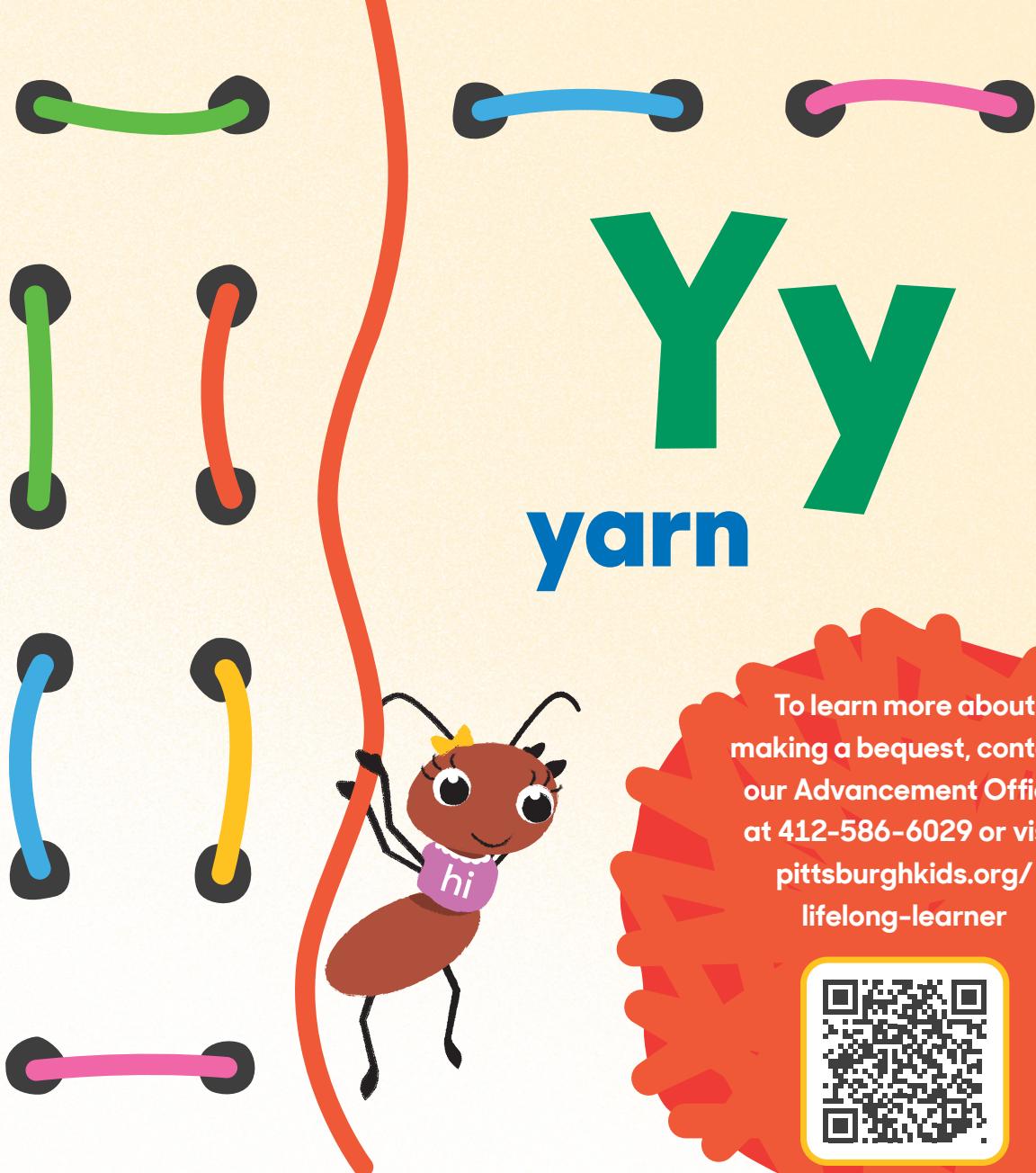
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X the Owl



WITH A GRANT of \$2.49 million from Lilly Endowment Inc.,* the Children's Museum is partnering with Fred Rogers Productions to develop a new permanent exhibit, traveling exhibit and companion programs and resources that explore kindness, generosity, compassion, respect, bravery, resilience and other character traits that help in the development and exploration of character in young children. The exhibits, set to open in 2026, will draw inspiration from beloved shows including *Donkey Hodie*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* and *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* (home to X the Owl).

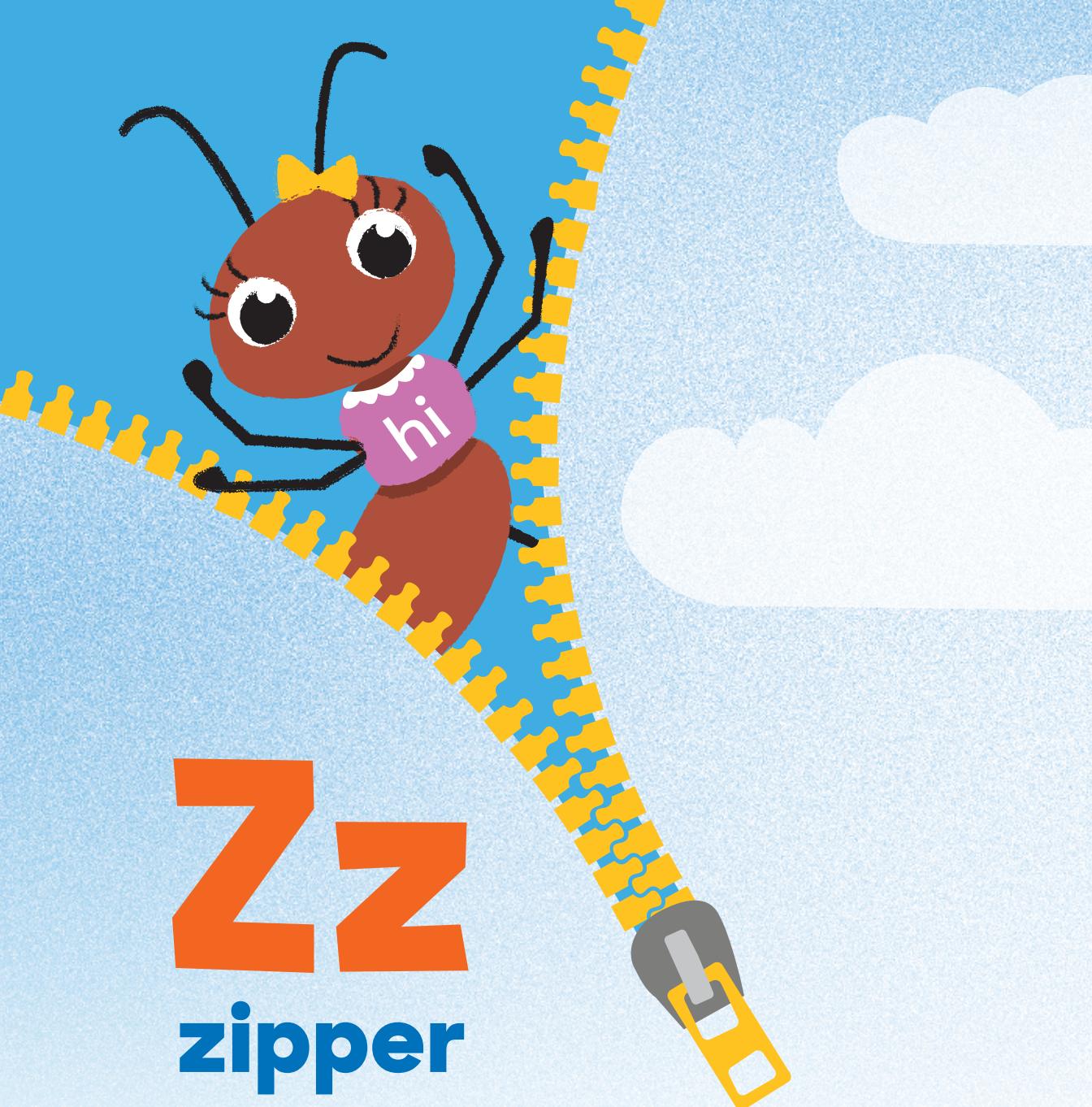
*This funding follows a one-year planning grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. which allowed the Museum to explore ideas through community events, focus groups and prototype testing.



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JUST AS A FIBER ARTIST carefully chooses how to use each skein of yarn, you can shape your legacy by including the Children's Museum in your will or estate plan. A bequest allows you to retain full control of your assets during your lifetime while ensuring that what remains supports creativity, learning and joy for future generations. Whether it's a specific gift or a portion of your estate, your bequest will help weave your values into the lives of children and families for years to come.



zz zipper

WITH SO MUCH to see and do at the Museum, sometimes, a child can zip away. That's why our commitment to safety is so important. From the bracelets children wear with their grownup's phone number to the Code Adam protocols we practice, we make sure that families who are separated in the heat of play are reunited as quickly and smoothly as teeth of a zipper coming together.

"Oh, Mom," says Antoinette.

"I searched all over the Children's Museum for the perfect gift for you. I found jewelry and puppets and even a giant giraffe, but none of those felt right."

"Antoinette," exclaims Queenie as she gathers her in a big hug, "if you aren't too tired, I know exactly what I want."

"What?" asks Antoinette.

"I want spend the rest of this beautiful day with you at the Museum. Time spent together making and playing is the best gift I could ask for!"



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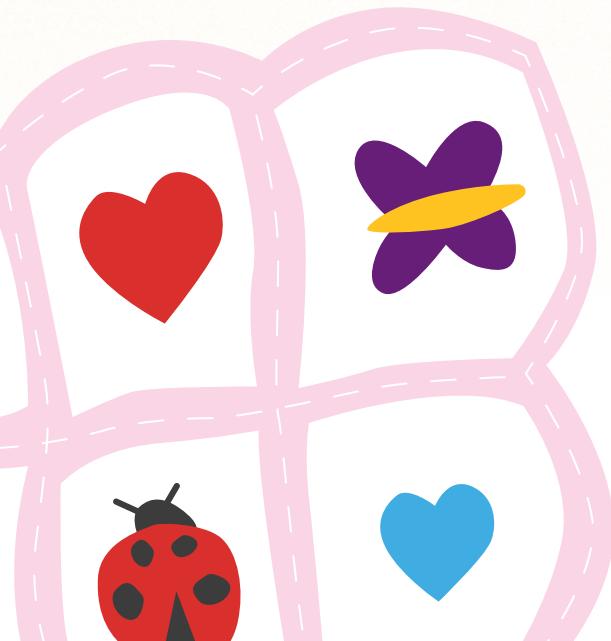


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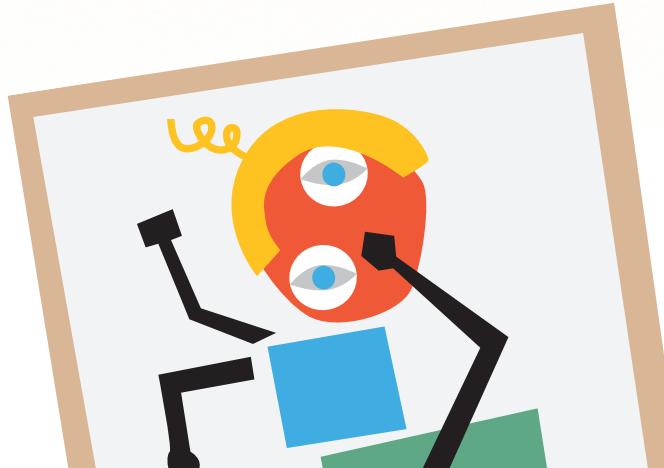
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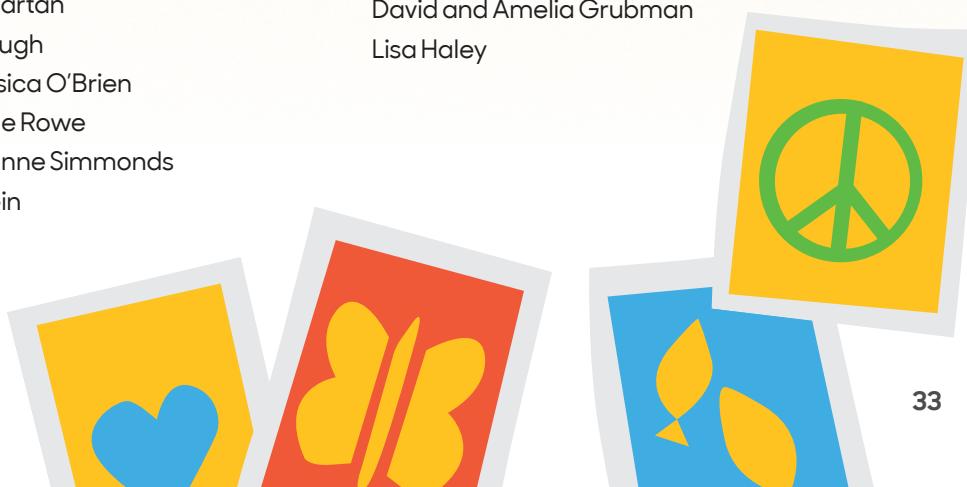
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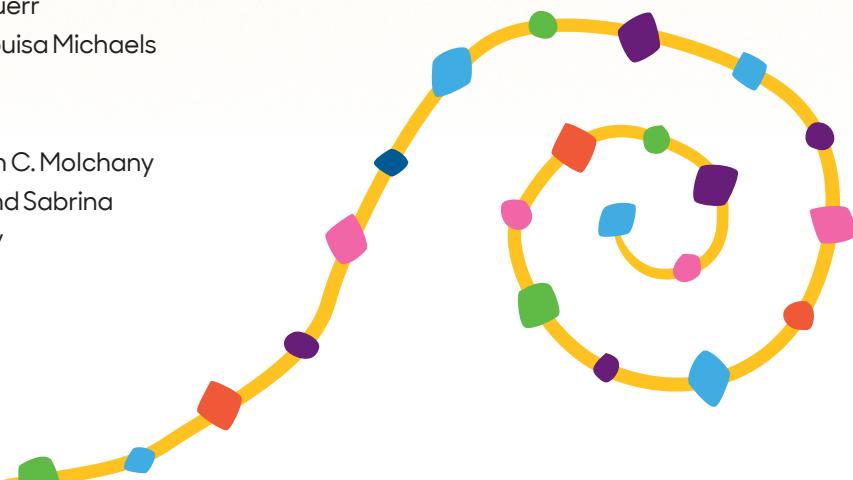
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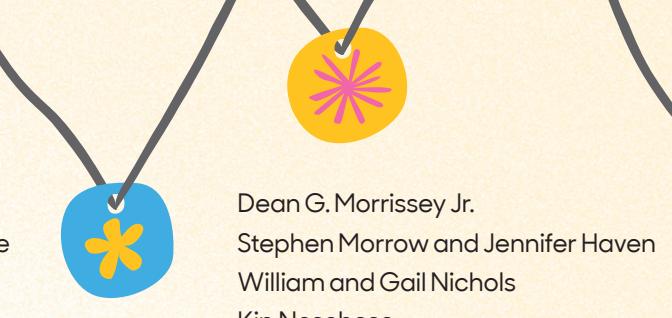
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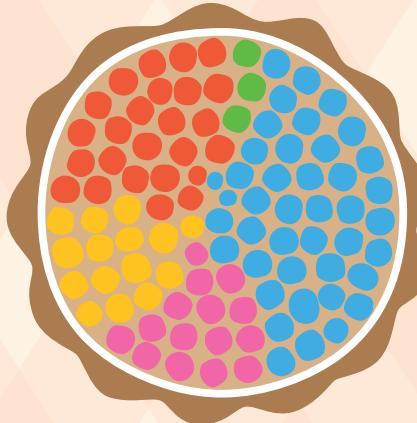
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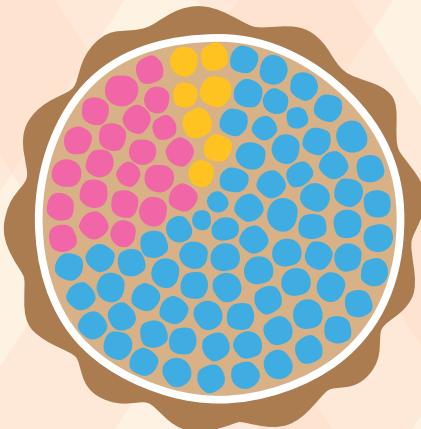
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FY 2025 Support and Revenue by Source



- Contributed Income: **42%**
- Investments: **15%**
- Exhibit Sales, Rentals and Contracts: **15%**
- Attendance Driven Revenue: **25%**
- Special Events: **3%**

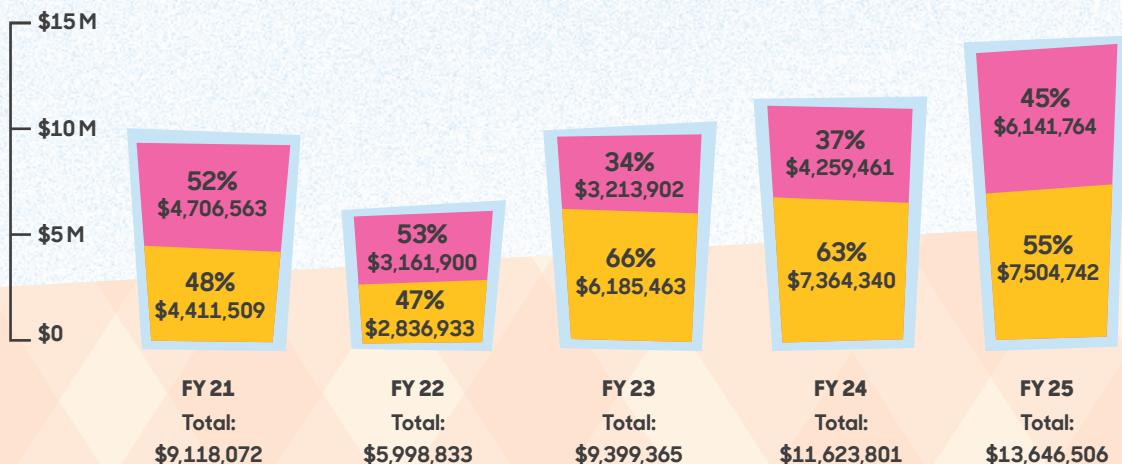
FY 2025 Expenses by Functional Grouping



- Programs and Grant Funded Projects: **71%**
- Support Services: **22%**
- Fundraising: **7%**

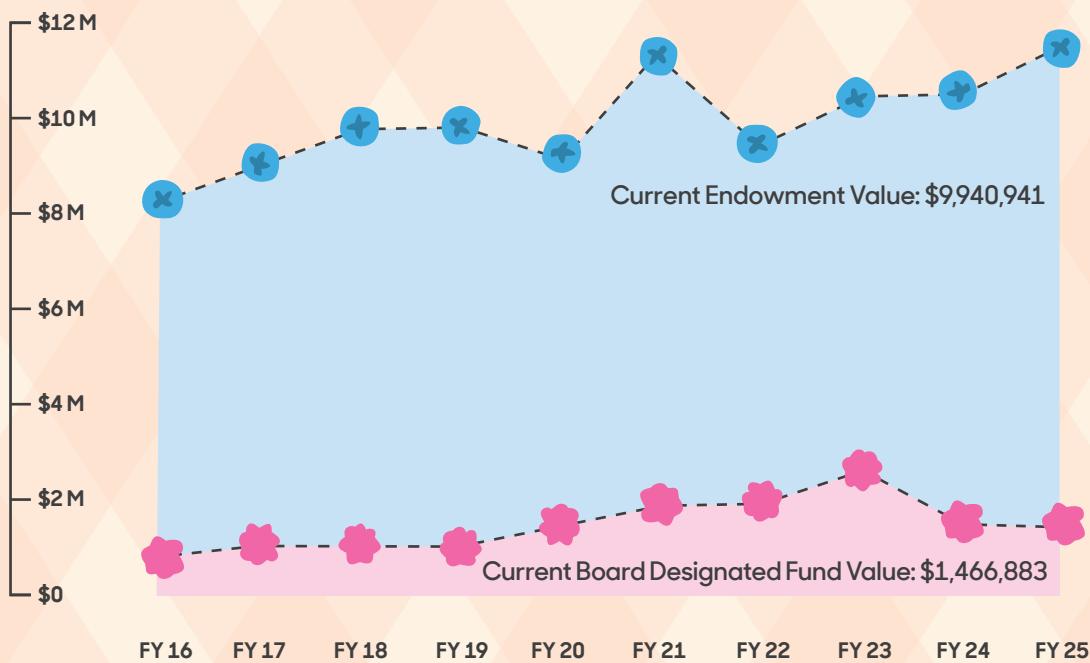
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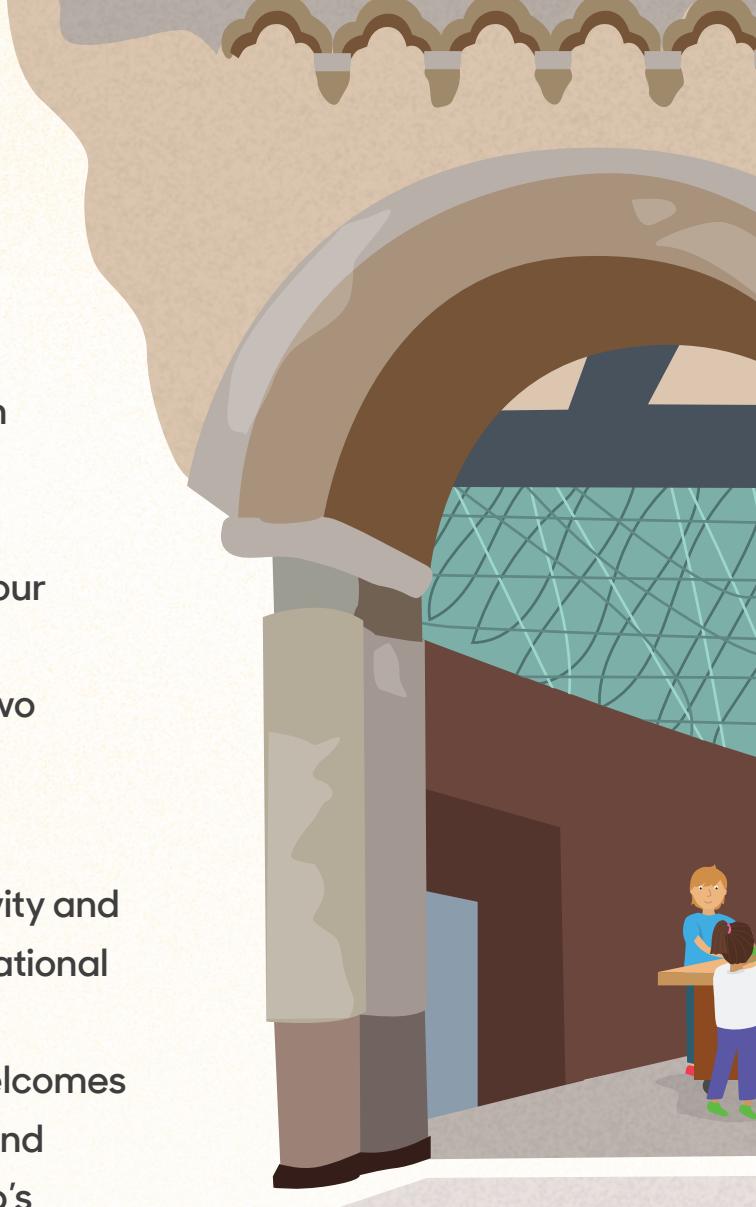
● Endowment Assets
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The Next Chapter

Our Museum is well known and widely celebrated as one of the best places for children. We are growing our offerings for learners and creators of all ages with two new memberships.

Aligned with our role as a community hub for creativity and building on our intergenerational approach to learning, our Creatives Membership welcomes adult makers, educators and hobbyists into MuseumLab's inspiring, dynamic spaces to use our artmaking tools and services. MlabPASS offers rich skill-building and social experiences such as workshops, game nights and open studio time for youth in grades 6-8 – no parents required!





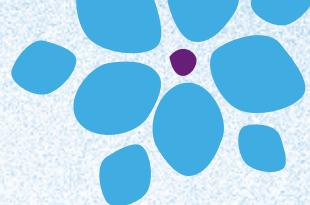
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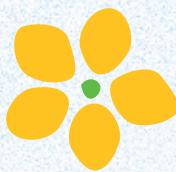


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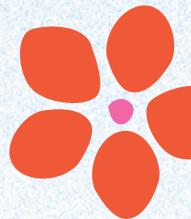
"The museum offers more sophisticated and joyful public art – including an approaching herd of elephants – across leafy Allegheny Commons. The museum also has a 'Kindness Gallery' dedicated to Mister Rogers, who lived in Pittsburgh and filmed his popular show here."

– National Geographic



"Great place to spend time with your kids. On top of already awesome exhibitions, they regularly change some of the exhibits. Must check out place if you have a child."

– Mendy



"Not only did my son enjoy it, but some activities were also quite fun for adults, making it a great experience to share."

– Josh E.

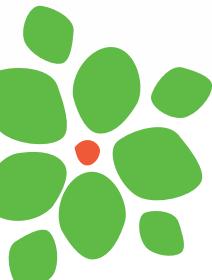
"Impressive museum centered around piquing the interest of children of all ages. Exhibits are ever-changing and evolving, which allows for repeat visits to be consistently interesting to children. There are interactive exhibits and activities that appeal to a myriad of interests. I wholeheartedly recommend a visit to this museum."

– Shanon L.



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