

KidsQuest
...Children's Museum

Impact Report 2019



KidsQuest Children's Museum guides children & families in educational exploration. We inspire the next generation of lifelong learners to be future problem solvers, steeped in curiosity, creativity, & discovery.

Love of learning starts here.

KidsQuest Children's Museum's mission is to create learning through the power of play and exploration that connects children to their communities and the world.

Equitable Access - As a trusted educational institution and community resource KidsQuest Children's Museum is a safe space for all families regardless of races, LGBTQIA, genders, abilities, immigration status, and lived experiences. KidsQuest actively strives to remove obstacles such as financial or ability.



33,500+

Individuals served through free and discounted programs

982 scholarships awarded

1,553 free and reduced admissions for military personnel

2,431 free admission passes donated to local social service organizations

2,696 participants of free public programs and workshops

5,152 participants of the library free admission passes

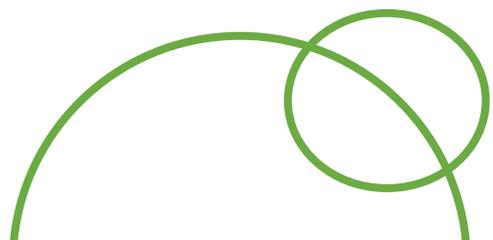
5,288 discounted admission for families on Government Assistance (Museums For All)

15,755 participants of discounted admissions



2019 included
315 fun filled days with
2,500+ art pieces created,
4,000+ science experiences,
and countless family
memories made!

Thank you to the over 200,000
people who visted KidsQuest
Children's Museum in 2019.



A Story from Storytime

KidsQuest Children’s Museum welcomes children AND adults, while striving to create moments for our community to connect. Storytime (a free program) is a window into learning across generations. In 2019 KidsQuest held over 200 Storytimes, reading over 800 books and engaging over 6,000 people. At one Storytime in 2019 Miss Lori read ‘What Is Your Language?’ by Debra Leventhal. Every page showcased a different language. With each page Miss Lori would ask, “Does anyone speak this language?” With every page, someone in the room knew that language, whether it was Mandarin, French, or Swahili. As people identified themselves, Miss Lori would ask them to teach the group a word or phrase in that language. Suddenly, this gathering of strangers were connecting and sharing. Parents, grandparents, nannies, and kids connected by celebrating different cultures.



In 2019 KidsQuest was certified as a Sensory Accessible Venue!

Any child with sensory processing difficulties will feel welcome and cared for in the museum. KidsQuest provides sensory tools for all guests, autism inclusive services, and completed a safety review and recommendation. Plus, staff members from our Operations Department and Education Department received sensory accessible training from Sensory Access For All. KidsQuest also offers monthly free Low Sensory Evenings and Low Sensory Events.



2019 Financials

Contributed Income

Contributions	\$1,048,683
Fundraising Events	\$403,642
Forgiveness of Debt	\$10,000
In-Kind	\$166,974
Total	\$1,629,299

Earned Income

Admissions	\$591,175
Membership	\$491,217
Programs	\$498,352
Store	\$67,180
Other	\$51
Total	\$1,647,975

Total Income **\$3,277,274**

Expenses

Programs	\$2,758,922
Management	\$370,818
Fundraising	\$626,213

NET **-\$478,679***

**Net loss due to timing of grant award payment received in Q1 2020 instead of Q4 2019.*



KidsQuest Children's Museum serves thousands of children and families across King County and hosts visitors from around Washington State, the country, and internationally.



A note from KidsQuest's CEO, Putter Bert -

Do you remember the time you first fell in love with learning? I do and frankly, it defines who I am today. When I was a young girl I used to stutter terribly. I went to speech therapy at Boston Children's Hospital every Wednesday after school. As a treat, my mom would bring me to the Children's Museum after each appointment. I loved the museum. It was magical. So many things to see, play with and learn from.

Years later, I do not stutter so much anymore, but I still believe in the magic of children's museums. KidsQuest Children's Museum strives to be the "love of learning place" for today's children – our future leaders and the next generation of teachers, scientists, engineers, artists, architects and astronauts. At KidsQuest, we make learning fun! KidsQuest is an incredible place to learn with your family. One of my favorite things about the Museum is seeing the "gears" turning in the heads of kids and adults alike, as they come together to solve problems, experiment and create. Throughout 2019 we worked hard to spread our wings beyond our walls, reaching deeply into communities throughout King County, with programming, services, leadership and inspiration. We are not just a museum. We are an organization building community and the love of learning starts with KidsQuest! Thank you for making all our work in 2019 possible.





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