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**INCREASING ACCESS TO SCIENCE**

Access has always been at the heart of our mission beginning with the launch of our Science on Wheels program 44 years ago. This first initiative to reach traditionally underserved schools is now a flagship program with a menu of offerings that seek to ensure access for people from all backgrounds. We now have additional programs that focus on increasing access, such as subsidies that enable local Title I schools to visit the Science Center on field trips and full scholarships for summer camps, to help combat summer learning loss in our most vulnerable populations.

This past year we expanded our commitment to access programming with the launch of our Girls and Women in STEM foundational commitment that specifically address the social and cultural barriers that deter girls from entering STEM professions and inhibit women from thriving in them. Thanks to support like yours, we can continue to made strategic investments to expand our Access to Science Pipeline and other access initiatives.

**SUPPORTING EDUCATORS AND EDUCATION**

Science On Wheels brings active STEM learning to classrooms, community centers, and special events through hands-on, inquiry-based activities and lessons. The program has a long history of reaching students in schools where resources and/or location prevent equitable access to science education. Many of the visits are to communities with high minority and low-income populations traditionally underrepresented in science fields. In the year ahead we are expanding our commitment to serving the highest need schools, those with a Title I designation, with low or no cost programming.

In FY19 Science On Wheels served over 115,000 students state wide with over 50% from Title I schools.

**EARLY ACCESS TO SCIENCE**

Studies show that getting children engaged in interactive STEM learning from an early age leads to a deeper understanding of science concepts. We believe that all children, regardless of background or circumstance, should have access to interactive science learning. In 2016 we launched the Access Membership program which serves families receiving public assistance, youth experiencing homelessness, and youth in foster care. More than 12,000 individuals receiving public assistance and 850 foster families are now able to access all the Science Center has to offer at little or no cost to them.

**INSPIRING FUTURE INNOVATORS**

An innovative youth development program, Discovery Corps works with teens to inspire a lifelong interest in science, technology, engineering, math, and education. The program empowers youth to progress up a career ladder while fostering growth in a supportive environment. Since the program’s inception in 2005, more than 440 youth have participated and 100% have graduated from high school. There are currently 72 active members; 63% are girls, 49% are participating in free or reduced lunch programs, and 82% are people of color.

Lake Washington Watershed Internship Program is our environmentally focused, teen engagement program and consists of students who show an interest in environmental science, are highly motivated, and traditionally underrepresented in STEM career fields. They gain experience doing hands-on environmental science research, undergo extensive Environmental Science education and teacher training, deliver over 300 hours of direct Environmental Science programming annually at local elementary schools, and participate in habitat restoration projects.

**CREATING A COMMUNITY LABORATORY**

We are committed to expanding access to ideas in science and technology. Over the last year we have harnessed our role as a community living room and laboratory to serve as a gathering place for people of all ages to discuss, debate, and collaborate. Our quarterly Curiosity Expos continue to engage the public in hands-on activities and presentations with local professionals in the science and technology communities for themed weekends. Our Science in the City lecture series continues to provide a space for discussion on current science topics and research from leading, local organizations. Now this past year is our Artist-in-Residence program that offers artists a platform to talk about their creative process, present works-in-progress, and collaborate with scientists in our Science Communication Fellows program. By diving into topics that affect our community, the Science Center is serving as community resource in an exciting new way.

Pacific Science Center is proud to serve many individuals and communities whose access to science is limited. This past year we officially adopted a Statement of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access to further solidify our commitment to incorporating this work into everything we do. But there is always much more work to be done and with your continued investment, we will increase service to our community in the year ahead with a specific focus on traditionally underrepresented populations.