

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## **DURING 2016, HANDS ON! MUSEUM:**

- Offered many new and repeat special programs and events - Nano Days, Sensory Nights, Dino Egg Hunt, Kid's Kaleidoscope Summer Camp, home-school workshops, and BOO!SEUM.
- Hosted Hands On! Robots, an opportunity for the region's First Lego League teams to give guests a hands-on experience and demonstrate their robots.
- Created the feature exhibit: Make It. Take It., a DIY space that offered visitors a large assortment of everyday materials to create something from their imagination. Every few weeks the materials and theme of the space change offering new challenges and experiences.
- Entered into a collaboration with ETSU to manage the Gray Fossil Site & Museum. On July 1, 2016, Hands On! began coordinating the educational program and exhibit tours allowing ETSU staff to focus on excavations, research, and collections care.
- Began planning efforts and fundraising for several new exhibits and a new building to be constructed at the Gray Fossil Site. The building will provide additional exhibit space for the new exhibits and favorite exhibits moved from the original Hands On! location to create an all-ages science center.



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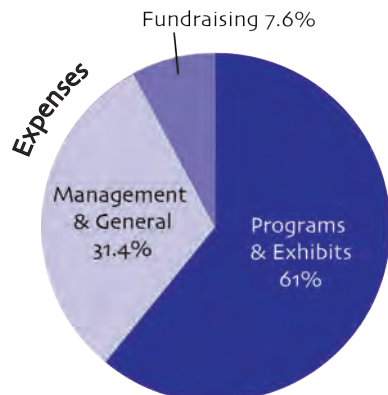
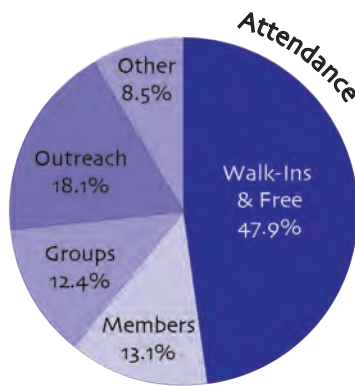
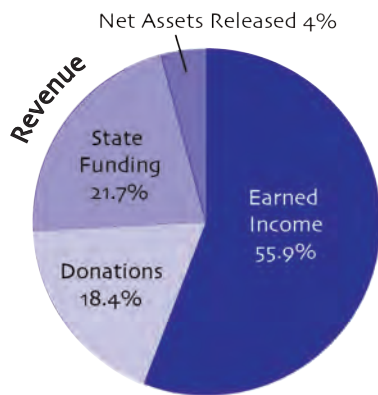


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## 2015-2016 FINANCIALS



- The Science Alliance of Tennessee Special Appropriation is annually under consideration within the Governor's budget. The amount of state funding awarded was based on 2014-2015 program delivery.
- Hands On! provided 100,000 programs to children and their families
- Total attendance was 62,390, representing 48 counties in Tennessee and 45 states.