



KIDS DISCOVERY FACTORY

2022 Year in Review

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Kids Discovery Factory experienced exciting growth in 2022

In February, we launched a new program utilizing the first-floor space of our downtown Batesville location. **Early Explorers** is designed for children 0-5 and their families. The play hours have been a huge hit, drawing over **1,700 visitors from 15 counties** in Indiana and Ohio! Early Explorers is funded by grants from PNC Grow Up Great Foundation and the Ripley County Community Foundation.

Over 10% of visitors received free admission through the **Museums for All Initiative**. Thank you, Fifth Third Bank, for supporting this important program!

In the spring, we partnered with Batesville High School's Child Development Class to provide free community programming for more than 100 attendees during the **Week of the Young Child**. Each day, young children and their caregivers participated in hands-on STEAM activities.



We collaborated with Batesville Main Street, Batesville Area Arts Council and Enneking Auto Body on a **new mural** to complement the freshly painted north side of our building. The mural is titled *Explore 2 Learn* to honor our founding. The mural was completed by artist Hannah Gundrum, Little House Ink.



Kids Discovery Factory was highlighted as a key shovel-ready quality of life project that impacts the entire Accelerate Rural Indiana Region, comprised of Batesville, Decatur County, Greensburg, Rush County, Rushville, Shelby County and Shelbyville.

As part of the State's **READI Grant** program, we were awarded \$1 Million toward the construction and renovation of our future space.

In partnership with Genesis: Pathways to Success and the Southeastern Career Center, we received a **\$114K Indiana Department of Education Grant** to take our Mobile Factory outreach program to 29 southeastern Indiana schools at no cost to them, ultimately delivering hands-on STEAM learning to over **11,000 regional K-6th Grade students** over the next two school years.



We hosted our **10th Annual STEAM Camp**, drawing over 150 K-6th Grade students from 14 communities in Indiana and Ohio. Special thanks to **Hillenbrand Inc. and Batesville**. for serving as our title sponsor!

The waitlist for STEAM camp was so long, we developed a new 2-day camp to accommodate 30 more students. **STEAM on Sycamore** took place in our building. Campers launched rockets onto the roof, built boats, created bubble solution, and more!



We received a **\$10K 25th Anniversary Grant** from Ripley County Community Foundation to support program expansion, allowing us to hire **Dawn Koch** as our Museum Educator. Dawn has a master's degree in early childhood education. She oversees Early Explorers and designed and launched our **Homeschool Days**.

We hosted the **Fastest Kid in Town** race during Batesville's Mainopoly event in September. Over 100 kids participated in the race and more than 250 people explored our building and played with our Early Explorers exhibits throughout the day. *Race winners Liam Wagner and Brielle Maple pictured on page 4.*



In August, we were honored to be chosen as an **812 Day Award Recipient** by Batesville Tool & Die. The award was given in honor of Amber McGuire's years of service to KDF. Amber has served in many roles since joining the board in 2011 - Board Member, Camp Director, Executive Director and Capital Campaign Manager. We appreciate all she does to support our mission!

In November, it was announced that Hillenbrand, Inc. chose KDF as their **New York Stock Exchange Global Giving Campaign** recipient in recognition of successful growth of our STEAM Camp. "Hillenbrand is proud to continue our support and partnership with the Kids Discovery Factory. We know that the earlier kids become engaged in STEAM programming, the more likely they are to pursue careers in the industry. The success of our partnership can be seen in the increase in participation, especially among girls. By working together, we are developing and inspiring the next generation of talent that will lead the manufacturing industry."
-Hillenbrand President and CEO Kim Ryan



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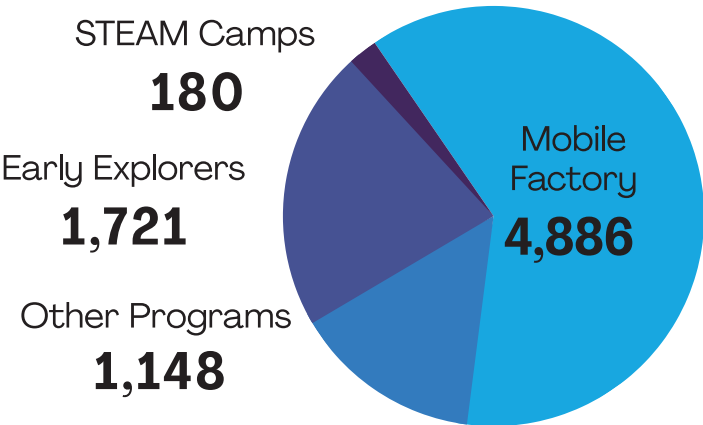
Staff Members:

Emili Uden, Executive Director
Vanessa Beetz, Program Director
Dawn Koch, Museum Educator

2022 was our largest outreach year yet with 7,935 individuals served!



2022 Outreach Numbers by Program



15 counties reached during programming

168 visitors received free admission through Museums for All

90 school and community program volunteers

95 the number of zip codes of Early Explorers visitors



\$1,136,726 Grants Awarded in 2022

- READI Grant*** - \$1,000,000 for renovation and construction
- IDOE 3E Grant*** - \$114,608 for free Mobile Factory school visits for 29 regional elementary schools
- RCCF 25th Anniversary Grant** - \$10,000 Program Expansion
- Duke Energy Community Grant**- \$6,000 to update outdoor space
- Honda Community Grant** - \$2,000 for pre-construction planning
- FCCF Grant**- \$1,758 for Mobile Factory upgrades
- Fifth Third Grant** - \$1,000 to support Museums for All
- Digital Lift Grant** - \$1,000 for accounting software
- RCCF Small Grant** - \$360 for technology upgrade

*Denotes grants that reimburse expenses over time

2022 Financial Snapshot

- Contributions: \$42,139
- Grants**: \$22,088
- Outreach: \$37,340
- In-Kind: \$17,295
- City of Batesville: \$200,000

**READI Grant and IDOE Grant funds not yet recorded due to reimbursement



2022 Financial and In-Kind Donors

2022 STEAM Camp Sponsors



Leadership Gifts \$5,000+

- Cierra's Club
- Friendship State Bank
- Margaret Palmer
- The Fred & Jolene Rockwood Family Foundation
- Mark and Emili Uden

Partnership Gifts \$1,000+

- Batesville Area Arts Council
- Batesville Main Street
- Enneking Auto Body
- Gillman Home Center
- Lance and Ronda Green
- Seig Surveying
- Party Time Rentals
- The Garrett Group
- Daryl and Deidre Werner

Friendship Gifts \$250+

- Batesville Eagles Aerie 1130
- Batesville Tool & Die
- Greg and Rachael Berkemeier
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- Southeastern Insurance
- Eric and Melanie Stauffer
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- Weigel Funeral Home
- Wuestefeld Construction LLC

Community Support

- John and Kendra Basler
- Batesville Dental
- Chad and Vanessa Beetz
- Drs. Tom Decilles and Jean Beischel
- Bessler's Trackside Auto Depot
- Beverly Broughton
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- Don and Alice Hautman
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- Kroger Community Awards
- Brad and Margaret Marcy
- Bob and Kathy Mattucci
- Kevin and Amber McGuire
- Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Xi Chapter
- Stephen Powaga
- Alan and Dalene Shireman
- Lynda Smith
- Dennis and Valerie Stutler
- Diane Uden
- Voldico LLC
- Nathan and Natalie Wanstrath
- Patrick & Christine Weigel Family Foundation
- Mark and Darleen Wolma
- Dr. Ben Yamaguchi



Thank you Melanie Stauffer for
over 8 years of service on the
Kids Discovery Factory Board of
Directors! We will miss you!

Melanie has served as
Co-Treasurer and helped develop
Kids Discovery Factory's strategic
plan and exhibit master plan.



Thank you to our camp teachers, adult volunteers,
and student volunteers for helping make our camps
and events such a success!

If you would like more information about volunteering,
visit: www.kidsdiscoveryfactory.org/join-our-team

2023 at a Glance



We enter 2023 energized and excited about new programs
and opportunities. This spring we will begin to transform
the grassy lot on the north side of our building into an
outdoor play and programming space.

We are developing a **Girls in STEM program.** The first phase
includes the launch of a STEM Girl Scout badge program for
troops throughout central and southeastern Indiana.

Many camps, classes, and community events are in the
works, along with needed building repairs.

**We plan to purchase a dedicated box truck to support our
Mobile Factory and IDOE 3E school programming.**
Rising Sun Regional Foundation pledged \$10K toward the
purchase, if we are able to secure \$20K in matching funds.
If you would like to support that effort, please contact
Emili Uden: Emili@KidsDiscoveryFactory.org. or 812-932-5437.

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Inspiring young learners to innovate and create through exploration of
Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM).

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The logo is set against a background of three large triangular sections: light blue at the top, purple on the left, and red on the right. The word "KIDS" is in purple with a white outline. "DISCOVERY" is in a multi-colored font (orange, green, red, blue) with a white outline. A purple gear icon with a white center is positioned between "DIS" and "COVERY". "FACTORY" is in purple with a white outline.