



A LOOK BACK - AND AHEAD - WITH WONDER

Wonder Gallery Donor Report
2023

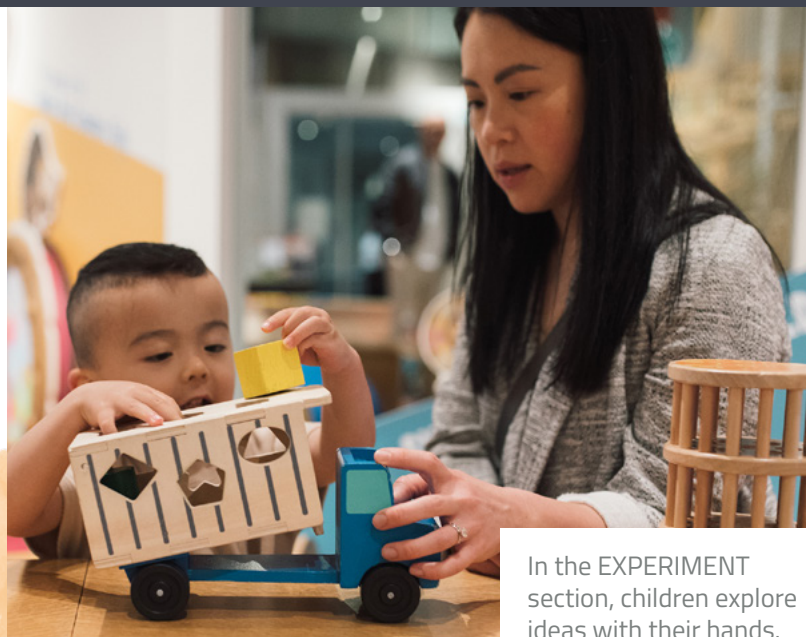


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For our special Wonder Gallery
supporters, reflecting on your impact
and glimpsing wonders to come.

Six years ago we conducted an EXPERIMENT.

Could Science World raise \$2M to build a brand-new gallery full of relevant science for our youngest visitors?



In the EXPERIMENT section, children explore ideas with their hands.

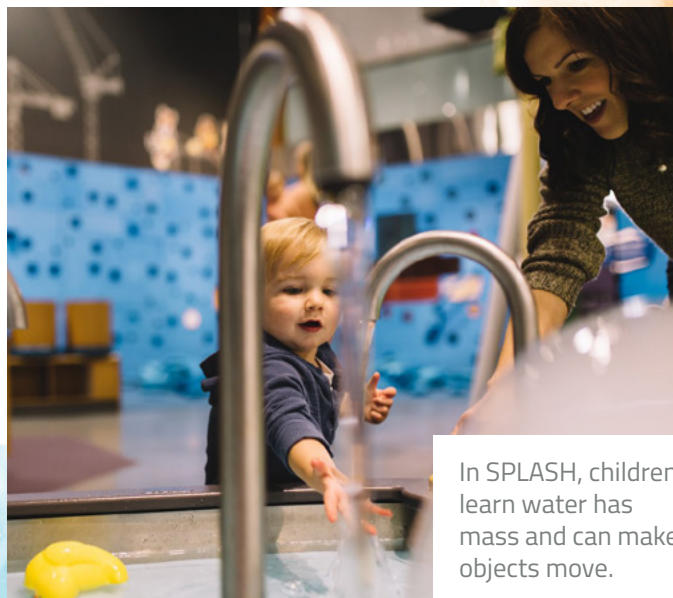
You made a SPLASH.

Hundreds of you gave, making our experiment a splashing success!

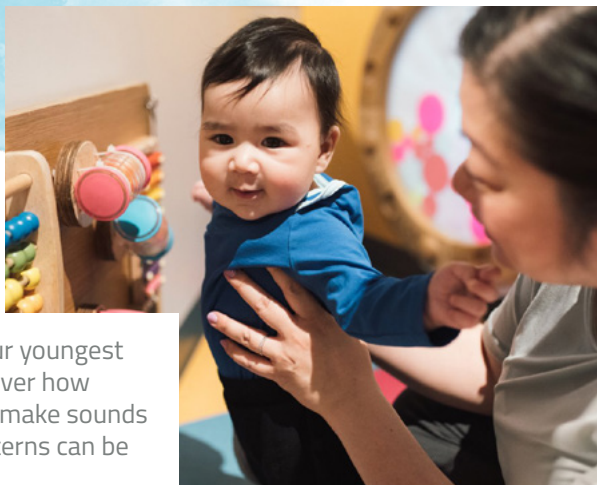
Before we walk, we learn to CRAWL.

Your generosity allowed us to invest in the crucial time and resources necessary to create a space for the most important years of our young learners' lives, ages 0-5.

"Young children are natural experimenters. Given safe, playful, developmentally appropriate experiences like we offer in Wonder, they'll naturally use their deep capacity for learning to explore and discover scientific concepts. This show of donor support enabled us to collaborate with child-development researchers and exhibit designers to build a gallery where children could learn through play, and where adults could learn about their children!" – Dr. Sandy Eix, Director of STEAM Learning, Science World



In SPLASH, children learn water has mass and can make objects move.



In CRAWL, our youngest visitors discover how textures can make sounds and that patterns can be predicted.



In SHINE, children build with light and colour.

Because of you, kids CLIMB higher.

- Since 2017, hundreds of thousands of children have explored Wonder.
- They get access to programming created and led by Early Childhood Education practicum students from Langara College.
- Many have participated in child-development research with Dr. Andrew Baron of UBC Psychology in the adjacent Living Lab, which explores ways to support gender diversity in STEAM.

In CLIMB, kids take healthy risks in a safe environment. Fun fact: this is Wonder's most popular exhibit!



You make Science World SHINE.

"The Wonder area was incredible. I loved how free the children were to explore the environment and 'get messy.' I appreciated the descriptions at the zones to describe the developmental purpose. I loved the 'try a fun activity with your child' cards to make a more guardian-involved play atmosphere!"

"She had so much fun discovering and rediscovering all stations in the gallery. She loves the water station and the foam sand area. As a parent, I loved that she was able to play and feed her sensory needs by playing in these areas." – **Mother of child with Autism Spectrum Disorder**



In BUILD, children engage in imaginative play, bringing structures to life.

"I like it when their work falls down, and they take a breath, and try it again. It's just so nice to see that resiliency building inside themselves. It's such a valuable skill to have. You can really work on that in a place like Wonder because it's so much about experimenting and making things and sometimes they fall down. And that's okay." – **Emma, Early Childhood Education student at Langara**

Now, we have more to BUILD.

**Thank you for
helping us create
this important
space.**

We're grateful you share our mission to ignite wonder and empower dreams for the world's newest wonder seekers. We couldn't meet the needs of this precious age range without your support.

Would you like to help us
enhance the experience for
the next generation?

This fiscal year, Wonder Gallery requires \$70,000 in funding to support the following:

- Climb area optimization
- New toys, programming materials, smocks and percussion instruments
- Computer and screen updates

Give today.

Learn more about what wonders await.
Reach out: giving@scienceworld.ca

