

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE WAYS WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!

1. NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS – FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN’S LUNCHES

Poor picnic tables and chairs. Years old and in poor shape, children and their teachers depend upon them when they have lunch at the Exploreum. On average, 25,000 school children come to the Exploreum every year, most of them taking time for lunch in the courtyard. It is safe to say that these tables have seen better days, having been purchased in 2008 and having served about 270,000 school children, and hundreds of thousands of visitors. Spring is around the corner and field trip season will be here. The Exploreum needs new tables, chairs and picnic tables. Need \$10,000



2. GOTTA EAT – FEED THE REPTILES

Our popular reptiles thrill school children of all ages, young and young at heart. There’s a lot of learning going on, too. Help us with the care and feeding of the reptiles, including our awesome staff that works with them on a daily basis. This is one of those “hidden” Exploreum expenses and we could sure use the support. Our staff and critters will be grateful. Need \$7,000



3. BEING BETTER STEWARDS – SHOWING AN EXAMPLE TO CHILDREN

Better recycling at the Exploreum for schools and families who use our outdoor area. Believe it or not, this baby costs more than \$3,000! But it will save staff time and make our trips to the recycling center so much easier. Plus, it teaches our guests in a more prominent way, that recycling is the best option for our waste products. Need \$3,648



4. HOLY VAN DE GRAAF! WE NEED ONE OF THESE

We have been without our Van de Graaff for quite a few years since it broke. Invented by American physicist Robert J. Van de Graaff in 1929, a Van de Graaff generator is an electrostatic generator which produces very high voltage direct current (DC) electricity at low current levels. This object is not just fun but is a strong tool for our Explainers to use for school children. To be a science center and NOT own a Van De Graaf is just plain silly ... so silly it can make your hair stand on end! Need \$2,500



MORE WAYS TO HELP

5. NEW SHIRTS AND LAB COATS FOR STAFF

Our tie-dyed lab coats are shared by staff. They are used day in and day out and get worn out quickly. Our Exploreum shirts, worn by box office, gift store and café staff were ordered a few years ago and need to be reordered. Our staff are easily identified and the apparel reinforces the fun and the brand. Need \$3,500

6. NEW PANINI MAKER FOR THE CAFE

Renata's Panini are extremely popular. We have good food coming out of the café and just last week staff prepared 420 box lunches for school children. We rely upon this equipment day to day. Our old Panini maker just broke. Need ~~\$395.03~~ FUNDED



7. SPRINKLERS AND WATER EQUIPMENT FOR THE COURTYARD

These past few years we have offered Splash Wednesdays and our staff has been innovative with pipes and hoses. As long as there is water, the kids love it on a hot summer day. This year we would like to upgrade and bring in a few more colorful sprinklers. Need \$600

8. PAINTING THE BUTTERFLY PAVILLION

We received a grant to upgrade the pavilion but we still need a little more to do it right. This would be a help. Need 3,000

9. TRAVEL EXPENSES TO THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

The vendor is paying for two staff members travel and lodging. We want to take a third staff member and so we have airfare and accommodations. Need \$800

10. SCRATCH FACTORY SIGN FOR GALLERY

It's one of our most popular places, yet we never created a sign for it... cash is tight but wouldn't it be nice to have one? Need \$850

