The Discovery Museum provides programmatic experiences that inspire wonder, ignite creativity, and encourage young learners to explore STEM, cultivating a passion for learning that will enrich their lives and prepare them to thrive in a technology-driven world.

**Years of Growth and Change**

**Need**

- Only 16% of Bridgeport 5th Graders perform at goal for science
- Only 55% of students statewide perform at goal, demonstrating the challenges in getting children engaged with STEM topics
- 61% of elementary school teachers nationwide do not feel well prepared to teach science

**Investment**

$1,100,000 invested in new STEM learning experiences including:

- New Science on a Sphere Exhibit
- New Dare to Discover Exhibit
- New Energy Network Exhibit
- Complete Renovation of Challenger Center

**Outcomes**

$282,000 in grants to bring STEM learning programs to Bridgeport schools

- +73% in summer program and after school participation
- +35% in admissions
- +34% in contributed revenues
- +26% in earned revenues

**Goals**

- Become self-sustaining through increase in membership and attendance
- Increase the reach and impact of our STEM programs with learners of all ages
- Establish The Discovery Museum as the indispensable STEM learning resource in the southwestern Connecticut region

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**Investment**

$431,000 invested in facilities renovation and improvements

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- $282,000
- $431,000

The widest achievement gap in any state in the US is here, in Connecticut.