

Our mission is to create innovative learning experiences for children and families that equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers.



ACM Fact Sheet

Austin Children's Museum, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, provides exciting opportunities for children to develop their creative thinking skills with the support of the adults in their lives. The Museum is funded through a combination of contributed support, earned revenue, and government grants.

Who we serve

Families and children ages 0 – 11 **200,000 visitors annually** 2,500 members annually

History

- 1983** The Austin Children's Museum is founded as a "Museum without walls" by a grass-roots coalition of parents and educators. Exhibits and programs are hosted in schools, parks, recreation centers, libraries and malls.
- 1987** The Museum opens its doors with 5,000 square feet on West 5th Street.
- 1997** A successful \$4.8 million expansion campaign leads to creation of the Museum's new downtown location at the Dell Discovery Center.

Current Facility Dell Discovery Center, 201 Colorado Street, 12,500 sq. ft. of gallery and program space

Exhibits

Permanent En mi familia/In My Family, Funstruction Zone, Global City, Kid Metro, Rising Star Ranch (exclusively for toddlers), Tinkerer's Workshop

Feature

Cyberchase Math exhibit based on the PBS math mystery cartoon Cyberchase, allows children to use their critical thinking skills and approach math with an investigative, positive attitude. September 19, 2009 – January 23, 2010

Air Fair Developed by ACM, this exhibit allows children to playfully discover the powers and properties of moving air – it's science you can feel!
January 30, 2010 – May 22, 2010

Big Game Oversized versions of popular family-friendly games super-size fun and build thinking skills.
May 29, 2010 – TBD

Programs

Daily Storytime, Community Night, Engineering Saturday, Science Sunday, School Tours, Baby Bloomers, Camps, Community Group Sleepovers, Gingerbread House Workshops, Blog @ blog.austinkids.org

Community Outreach

By providing Museum experiences to underserved audiences, ACM broadens its ability to equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers. Programs include: After-school robotics classes at Title One schools, Family Learning Nights, Open Door Access program.

Key Staff

Mike Nellis Executive Director
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Volunteers 700+ annually

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