

# EXPLORE

SUMMER 2023 ISSUE



THE DISCOVERY  
CENTER OF IDAHO'S  
QUARTERLY IMPACT  
NEWSLETTER

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Development Team

Idaho Gives

Science with Style Gala

Gala Supporters

Capital Campaign

## MEET THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM



**LYDIA BASSETT**

Development Director

Lydia has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, as a Director of Programs, Development, and Communications. Lydia is an avid networker, relationship builder and a flexible and nimble team builder with a keen understanding of a thriving culture of philanthropy. Lydia's area of expertise is focused on scaling up organizations through multi-year advancement campaigns, as well as Capital Campaign planning and execution.

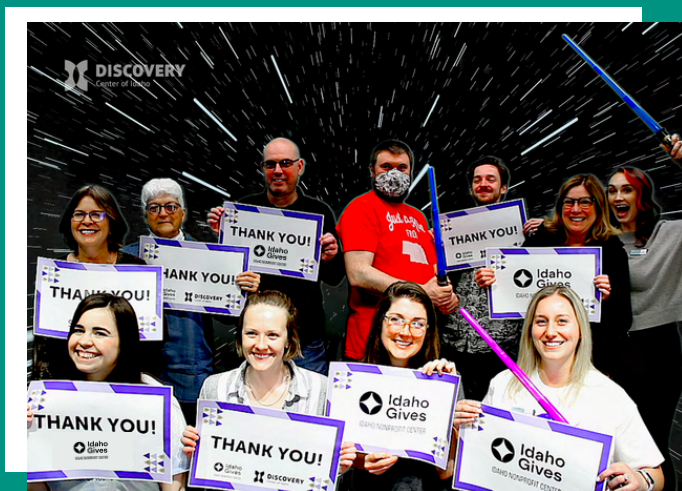


**KATE CWIKIEL**

Development Coordinator

Since graduating from the University of Michigan in 2014, Kate has worked in the nonprofit sector with specialties ranging from development and communications to youth and sports education. Kate fills many roles at the Discovery Center of Idaho, from processing gifts and organizing fundraising events to assisting with Capital Campaign communications, conducting prospect research and grant writing.

## IDAHO GIVES 2023



Thank you to everyone who supported the Discovery Center of Idaho during the 2023 Idaho Gives statewide fundraising campaign. We truly appreciate our community support as we build a more accessible future for residents of the Boise area and beyond! Thanks to incredible donors like you, we were able to exceed our Idaho Gives goal of \$5,000! With your help, we raised \$5,020 to support Museums for All, an important access program which allows us to provide \$3 admission for over 1,000 underserved visitors each year. Learn more about Museums for All at [museums4all.org](https://museums4all.org).

## THANK YOU FOR \$5K!



# SCIENCE WITH STYLE GALA RECAP

## THANK YOU FOR \$240,000!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your presence and support at the Science with Style Gala held on March 10th, 2023. Your unwavering generosity allowed us to raise an astounding \$240,000 towards the realization of the "new" Discovery Center of Idaho. We are truly humbled by the overwhelming support shown by our community, be it through table sponsorship, paddle raising or participation in the silent and live auctions.

Our hearts are filled with sincere appreciation for every person who helped us reach our fundraising goal of \$200,000 this year. None of this would have been possible without the invaluable assistance of our exceptional sponsors, dedicated volunteers, generous donors and committed board members.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support, which serves as a testament to the collective belief in our visionary project. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to embark on this transformative journey, and it is through the support of individuals like you that we can turn our dreams into reality.

### Couldn't make it to the event, but still want to show your support?

Explore our future building plans and contribute today by visiting [DCIDAHO.ORG](https://DCIDAHO.ORG), or simply scan the QR code below. With a plethora of sponsorship opportunities available, you wouldn't want to overlook the chance to actively engage and be a part of our shared future!

[VIEW FUTURE  
BUILDING PLANS](#)



**FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR  
OUR NEXT SCIENCE  
WITH STYLE GALA!**



# SCIENCE WITH STYLE GALA SUPPORTERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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COPPLE



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## — MEDIA SPONSOR —



# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## BUILDING OUR SHARED FUTURE, TOGETHER.

The forthcoming transformation of the Discovery Center of Idaho aims to enhance our ability to serve both children and the community by providing greater accessibility, adaptable spaces and an increased source of inspiration in STEM fields. Since 1988, the Discovery Center of Idaho has been dedicated to offering engaging scientific experiences to residents and visitors of Idaho from our beloved establishment located in Julia Davis Park. However, the rapid growth of Boise, coupled with the rising demand for STEM education, has exceeded the Center's current capacity to meet the evolving needs of the community.

To address this challenge, we are embarking on a fundraising campaign to secure \$6 million for comprehensive renovations of both the interior and exterior spaces. These crucial renovations will ensure that the Discovery Center continues to be the paramount institution for informal STEM education in our region. With these improvements, the "new" Discovery Center will be able to accommodate an annual attendance of 115,000 individuals and effectively double the number of K-12 students who can participate in subsidized STEM field trips.

By supporting this initiative, you will play a vital role in creating a revitalized Discovery Center that not only meets the demands of our growing community, but also provides invaluable educational opportunities for generations to come.

## CHECK OUT OUR STEM STORE RENOVATION!

BEFORE



AFTER



A new entrance and lobby gives greater visibility and allow everyone access to the Center.



# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## PROPOSED GALLERY IMPROVEMENTS

### Expanded Young Learners Space

Expanding our Young Learners area addresses a need for families with children under age 4 to have fun with STEM. Through intentionally designed play opportunities, young children can build knowledge and awareness of STEM concepts that can make later classroom learning more effective. The more families engage with STEM together through play, the more ingrained STEM becomes in their everyday lives.



### Greater Visibility and Accessibility

Wide open galleries with clear sight lines provide added safety to field trip experiences for students, and offer educators more opportunities to lead interactive hands-on experiences that can make what students are learning in their classrooms become real and relevant. From the youngest of visitors through high school, the Discovery Center supports a pathway for students of all backgrounds to pursue STEM in college, career and life.



## BOOK A VISION TOUR

If you are interested in booking a vision tour to learn more about our future building plans, please contact:

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To give a lasting gift in recognition of this Campaign, please use the QR code below.

GIVE TODAY! >>>



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# TIMELINE

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## 2023

Budget Refinements  
Timeline Refinements  
Fundraising



BEFORE



AFTER

## 2024

Planning & Permitting  
Design  
Construction Drawings  
Fundraising



BEFORE

## 2025

Design  
Construction Drawings  
Budget Refinements  
Timeline Refinements  
Fundraising



AFTER

## 2026

Construction  
Exhibit Installation  
Marketing & Promotion  
Landscaping



AFTER

## 2027

Final Touches  
Grand Opening

Inspiring lifelong learning and interest in science, technology, engineering, math and the arts.



ART LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE

The background of the poster is a reproduction of the painting 'The Starry Night' by J.M.W. Turner. It features a swirling, turbulent blue sky filled with bright, glowing yellow stars and a crescent moon. In the foreground, a dark, silhouetted cypress tree stands on the left, and a small village with a church spire is visible in the distance under the night sky.

# Impressionists

IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION



OPENING SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



**DISCOVERY**  
Center of Idaho