

#### A NEW NAME

In 2011, we made an exciting and invigorating change: we got a new name. Over the last few years, we've made a number of significant changes. We've developed new programs, opened three new exhibitions, brought in new animals, and de-installed our 30-year-old exhibition, "The Place Called San Mateo." These changes have helped us clarify who we are and what we do — we bring children and families up close with the natural world. The name "Coyote Point Museum" no longer reflected the exciting changes we had made and was associated with a struggling institution. On January 15, 2011, the institution officially changed its name to CuriOdyssey. The new name reflects the positive direction of the organization and the changes we have already made in our ongoing effort towards revitalization.

#### **RECOGNITION**

CuriOdyssey was recognized with multiple awards this past year. In May 2011, CuriOdyssey was awarded a *Make* magazine Education Award at the San Francisco Bay Area Maker Faire — a DIY festival of science, innovation, and creativity. For the third year in a row, CuriOdyssey was recognized by *Bay Area Parent* magazine as a Family Favorite. Finally, the institution was awarded the Nickelodeon Parents Connect "Parents' Pick Award" for Best Museum in the San Francisco metro area.



#### **NEW ANIMALS**

This year, CuriOdyssey welcomed new members to its animal family. In the Spring, we added a baby Red Fox to our Animal Ambassadors program. Our Animal Ambassadors are instrumental in programming that helps educate schools, groups, and visitors. Our zoo keepers have been working hard to train her so she can be included in future presentations and public programming. Also, during the summer we received two Cattle Egrets, a California Red-Sided Garter Snake, San Diego Mountain Kingsnakes, and Band-tailed Pigeons.

#### **NEW EXHIBITION OPENS**

In June, the institution opened its third exhibition, *Backyard Science*. The ten outdoor exhibits allow families to move beyond the walls of a science lab to investigate scientific phenomena in their own backyards. These exhibits join CuriOdyssey's two other standing exhibitions, *The Science of Nature* and *Tinkering*.

#### NATIONAL CREDIBILITY

CuriOdyssey continues to be recognized as a thought leader in informal science education. In March 2011, CuriOdyssey staff members presented on the subject of preschool and elementary science education at the 2011 National Science Teachers Association conference in San Francisco.

In addition, the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) granted accreditation to CuriOdyssey. While the institution has been accredited for the previous 10 years, institutions must successfully complete this rigorous accreditation process every five years. For the third time since the inception of our Wildlife Habitats, CuriOdyssey underwent a thorough investigation by AZA officials to ensure that we have and will continue to meet the AZA's ever-rising standards for animal care, veterinary programs, conservation, education, safety, and visitor service.

Lastly, CuriOdyssey zoo keepers were awarded the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) Certificate of Merit for Zoo Keeper Education. This award is given to organizations that actively work to promote educational programs and recognizes CuriOdyssey's longtime commitment to providing opportunities such as its zoo keeper apprenticeship program, a six-month adult volunteer internship, and a keeper-in-training program. In addition, CuriOdyssey zoo keeper, Jennifer Gale, was recognized with the AAZK's Lee Houts Excellence in Enrichment Award, for the exceptional work she has done developing a comprehensive animal enrichment program at CuriOdyssey.



#### STORIES OF IMPACT

We have seen a dramatic change in our daughter Mariko as a result of CuriOdyssey's Camp Leader-in-Training program.

Mariko's teachers warned us that seventh grade is the most challenging grade for girls emotionally, socially, and academically, but so far we have seen just the opposite.

Mariko has become completely engaged and focused on academics. She's also been involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including soccer. During her soccer season, it became evident how much she truly benefitted from her training as a camp Leader-in-Training.

At the end of each soccer game, the two players who demonstrated their personal best received a five dollar award. After a game, Mariko was recognized for her personal best, and she received five dollars. She absolutely beamed with pride when she received this honor! But moments after receiving the award, Mariko gave her five dollars to a teammate who felt terrible about an error she made during the game. Mariko told her she deserved the five dollars because she really did try to do her best even though she made a mistake.

I could not have been more proud of Mariko for her demonstration of teamwork, selflessness, compassion, and maturity. She attributed her ability to give up something she worked so hard to earn because of what she learned about teamwork and leadership as a camp Leader-in-Training.

Mariko credits much of her recent transformation to the experience she had this past summer at camp. So, thank you for all that you and your wonderful staff have done for her and our family!

Alyssa, Mother of Mariko

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When we got home from our class at CuriOdyssey, [my daughter] spent about three hours in our back yard unearthing stones to observe the creatures under them...your homeschool class really inspired her.

Homeschool program parent thrilled at the opportunity to dissect a grasshopper, rat, and chick. I never did anything like this until I was in 7th grade!

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animals coming to our classroom. My students fall over themselves [for the] hermit crabs and silkworms that live in our classroom...so you can imagine the reaction your hedgehog, gopher snake vulture, and ferret got.

Anonymous teacher

CI loved how many docents were

students more exposure to different creatures, and sharing their love of and

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"I couldn't believe how much the kids learned. My kids continued the camp at home, pretending to be counselors, creating 'habitats' for the snails in our gardens, talking about rocks and how the sun is made of gas. It's unbelievable how you

gotten so much from the camps and programs. It has helped make him very aware of caring for the earth, animals, and how things work.

Irum and Bilal Musharraf

Darren and Dena Myers

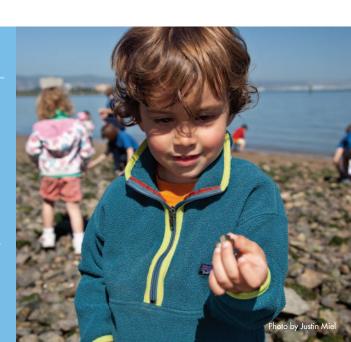
Melanie Myers

Parent of CuriOdyssey

her trip to the marsh. She talked about it so much that we went to visit the marsh again as a family that very weekend so she could show us all the places she explored with her class?

Brenda Pharmer

Parent of CuriOdyssey summer camper



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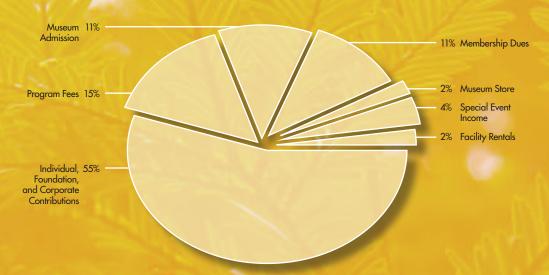
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# Financial Review 2010-2011

CuriOdyssey saw a substantial increase in both earned revenues and contributed revenues compared to the prior fiscal year. The numbers presented here do not include non-cash adjustments (in-kind donations, depreciation, etc.)

#### FY 2011 REVENUES



Total revenues were \$1,896,336, of which \$1,050,407 came from Individual, Foundation, and Corporate Contributions, \$274,026 from Program Fees, \$201,908 from Museum Admission, \$207,884 from Membership Dues, \$42,786 from Museum Store (net cost of goods sold) \$83,098 from Special Event Income (net of event expenses) and \$36,227 from Facility Rental Income.

#### FY 2011 PROGRAMS AND SERVICE EXPENSES



Total expenditures were \$2,458,931, of which \$1,851,168 (75%) were utilized for Programs, \$292,803 (12%) for Administration, \$314,960 (13%) for Fundraising & Membership.

Of the Program expenditures, \$526,552 was for Wildlife Care, \$217,380 for School Services & Volunteers, \$481,127 for Public Programs & Exhibits, \$275,595 for Buildings and Grounds, \$298,602 for Outreach, and \$51,912 for the Museum Store.



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# Events (December - February)

#### WINTER BREAK **EXPLORER DAYS**

10am-3pm

light up the room with circuits, and much more! Activities will change daily, so there's something new to learn about science each day.

#### WINTER CAMP

Session 1: December 19-23 Session 2: December 26-30 9am-4pm Grades: 1-2 & 3-4

CuriOdyssey's Winter Camp will spark excitement, curiosity, and rich exploration of the world around us. Campers will fabricate insect collection devices and investigate the park's invertebrates, construct a windsock to find the best location to fly a kite, and create a journal to record thoughts and observations.

Sign up online: www. CuriOdyssey.org/activities/ winter-camps

#### **HOMESCHOOLERS' WORKSHOPS**

Homeschoolers can engage in science through workshops about animal adaptations, the physics of flight, bridge construction, and more.

Appropriate for children aged 5-11. Pre-registration is required. http://www.curiodyssey.org/schools-groups/homeschools

#### SCIENCE EXPLORERS

Fridays 8:30am-noon

Does your preschooler love to explore, ask all types of questions, and get excited when discovering something new? Then Science Explorers classes are for you. Each session features a different science theme. Pre-registration is required. Learn more and register online: http://www. curiodyssey.org/activities/ classes-workshops

### **SCIENCE TOGETHER**

Tuesdays

clouds, and chemistry! This class isn't just for preschoolers -- parents or caregivers are engaged as together they enjoy hands-on exploration of science and the natural world. Pre-registration is required. Register online: http://www.curiodyssey. org/activities/classes-workshops

#### WINTERFEST (Members only!)

10am-12pm

Join us for an exclusive winter celebration with science activities and refreshments - just for our valued members! Tickets must be purchased in advance.

#### **WEEKEND WORKSHOPS:**

■ Tops & Yo-Yos 10:30am-12pm

It's time to do science with toys! Make tops and yo-yos from everyday materials, learn about physics, gather data, and draw conclusions.

## ■ ANIMAL ENRICHMENT February 18

Weekend workshops are for adults and children aged 6-11. Member: \$20 (one adult, one child); Non-member: \$25 (one adult, one child).

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS

activities, shows, and talks.
Meet our animals and get up close with science!

The holidays are almost here! Consider giving the gift of membership or Adopting an Animal for your loved one. And members always receive 10% off from the CuriOdyssey Shop!