# HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER

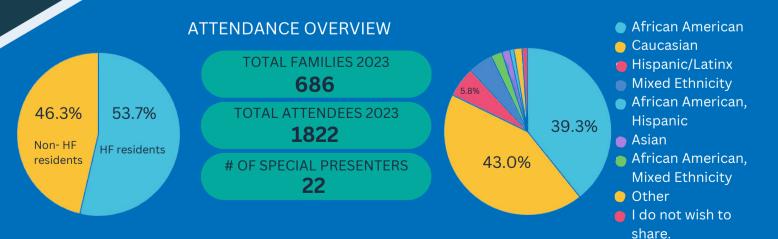
## Annual Report 2023

Little Learners

# **EXAMPLACE** explore • create • connect

# STEM SATURDAY

Families of young learners explore STEM through hands-on activities, exhibits, creative play, and special presentations led by STEM enthusiasts and experts from leading institutions like the Forest Preserves of Cook County and University of Chicago.



"We've always known that it was a special place, but even in reflecting to write this, we are even more thankful to the Science Center for offering this amazing space, programming, and understanding that science can and should be accessible to everyone. Our young daughter will always know she already is and can grow up to be a scientist" - McCaffery-Robinson Family.

\*There were no STEM Saturday events 9/23/23 through 12/23/23 due to construction in the building.

# FIELD TRIPS

Designed to immerse PreK-8th grade students in NGSS science and engineering practices, sparking curiosity, interest, and confidence.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED - 17

Community #207U, SD133, Oak Lawn

Club Hills #160, St. Agnes Parish

TOTAL STUDENTS **1859** 

LOW INCOME SCHOOLS

Flossmoor #161, Homewood #153, Chicago

Heights #170, Harvey Public #152, Chicago Public #299, Summit Hill, Brookwood #167, Burbank #111, Speed Seja #802, Peotone

Hometown #123, Matteson #162, Laraway Community Consolidated #70C, IJP, Country

#### Exploring Engineering

Roller coaster field trip for 3rd–5th grade.

- 90-minute session:
- Engaging presentation
  on engineering design.
- Hands-on roller

MINORITIES

73%

coaster building using recycled materials

### Explore HSC!

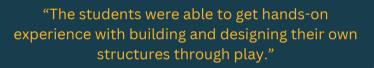
Unfacilitated field trip for K-8th grade. 60-minute STEAM free play

TOTAL STUDENTS **456** 

Engineering-It's Elementary! Roller coaster field tri

- for PreK-2nd grade.
- 90-minute session:30-minute engaging presentation.
  - 60-minute STEAM free play.

"Absolutely was useful as a model for NGSS teaching. This was wonderfully prepped and planned!"





# OUTREACH

Outreach conducted at Chicago Heights School District #170 for grades K to 5th. Funded in part from Cook County's CDBG grant program.

Dear Home Wood Science Center

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| look it up only | he so I can      |
| go their for    | summer and have  |
| so much fun     | and learn        |

Dear HOME Wood Science 00 Center Thank you for The science experiment It was so fun that is WHY I want to be A scientist Wen I grow UP. See you Next time.

SCIENCE

# GIRLS STEAM

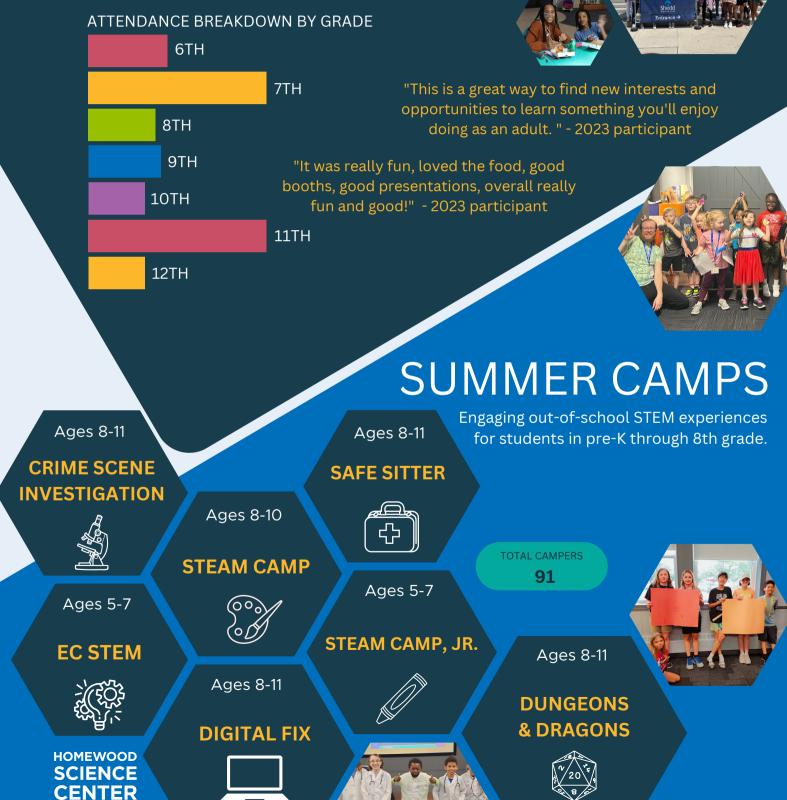
Events for underserved female middle school students to meet diverse professional mentors and build 21st century job skills. Funded in part from Cook County's CDBG grant program. STEAM CELEBRATION

### March 4th, 2023

TOTAL STUDENTSSCHOOLS REPRESENTEDMENTORS1052138



Prairie State Conference Center



#### CHICAGO SOUTHLAND STEM NETWORK

CSSN

Platform for diverse stakeholders to collaborate on regional STEM education and workforce development.

TOTAL ATTENDEES

#### SPRING 2023

### Featured Speaker: Beth Van Meeteren, EdD

Director: Regent's Center for Early Developmental Education, Curriculum Development & Researcher

"The HSC is an amazingly fun, well-organized and engaging space that would be of interest to a wide variety of age levels. I look forward to continuing my relationship with the amazing HSC staff and scheduling activities for the students in my district in the future." - Educator Open House attendee

Home School

30.6%

42.1%

55.6%

13.2%

26.3%

10.5%

Glenwood Academy

Asian

Other

Central Middle School
 Arbor Park Middle School

African American
 Caucasian

Hispanic/Latinx

Mixed Ethnicity

African American, Mixed Ethnicity

University of Northern Iowa.

# FALL 2023

### **Educator Open House**

Family fun and networking attendees brought their families, ate dinner, and chatted with each other as well as HSC staff members.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

COONSERVATIONS ECOLOGIES
 Project-based internship to teach young people how to manage and preserve biodiversity and natural resources.
 SPECIAL PRESENTERS
 Bas
 Parker Junior High School
 Manes Hart Junior High School

**TODD WIDHELM** Field Museum - Lichen scientist

DAVE ZABER IWP\* Board Member, Engineer

JACOB DRUCKER UChicago, Field Museum ornithologist

JOHN BRINKMAN President & Manager IWP\*

**RYAN FULLER** UChicago, Field Museum birder/botanist

\*IWP = Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve

# ROBOTICS





\*Members from Parker Junior High, HF High School, Andrew High School

### LEGO ROBOTICS

#### **Bricktastic**

Coaches: Asmarah Clinkscales & Connie Fritsche Sectional Qualifier: Engineering Excellence Award 6th Place table score (robot game) State Sectionals: 2nd Place table score (robot game) Robot

#### **GMax Coding (Rookie)**

Coaches: Safieh Aljibawi & Shatisha Woods Sectional Qualifier: Core Values Award # OF TEAMS

> 3 SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

ftc league Qualifier **3rd** 

place

Team Jupiter (Rookie)

Coaches: Sasha Reyes & Shonda Davis Sectional Qualifier: 2nd Place table score (robot game) Robot Design Award Robot Performance Award 2nd Place

# OVERVIEW

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#### **REVENUE 2023**

# DONATIONS

### **INDIVIDUAL**

Allison Wagner Licke Anonymous Donor Barbara Donahue Brent & Maggie Bachus Cameron & Michelle Nelson Debbie L Berman Friend of HSC Gina A. LoGalbo & Joseph M. Nordman Ilene & Len LeRose In honor of Karen, Darlene, and Cecilia Jav & Amy Eagle Jay Heiferman Jeff McClain Jerome Drevfuss John & Celeste Kralovec

\*Donation amounts \$250 and up

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### STEM+M Partnership

American Precision Museum Windsor, VT **Homewood Science Center** Homewood, IL SparkShop Chicago IL

**SPARK** SHOP

### GRANTS

### CORPORATE

**Bosch Community Fund** Cook County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) **Exelon Foundation Green Lab** 

### ORGANIZATIONAL

Village of Homewood (In Kind) **CA Piece of Pie Donations B'NAI B'RITH CHAI Lodge Flossmoor Service League Homewood Rotary Club Illinois Action For Children Prairie State College Suburban Service League Illinois Student Invention Convention** 

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