

KIDDIE SCIENCE

2018 Annual Report





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*"Worms are amazing and important.
I want to be a worm scientist when I grow up."
-Zoe, age 7*

Letter from the Executive Director

We welcomed 2018 with exciting new partnerships and expanded programming at the Kiddie Science Lab. New living things joined us, two turtles, Spaghetti and Meatball, and two chickens, Sweet and Sour. Our garden grew beyond our expectations and we watched young scientists blossom and flourish before our eyes. It was an amazing year and it would not have been possible without you. Thank you!

This year, we had the pleasure of working with partner educators and programs that directly complement and enrich our mission. Through diverse programming, we've expanded our reach and engaged even more families and children in activities and events that support their growth and skill development. It's much more than science at the Kiddie Science Lab!



Grants and support from individuals allowed us to achieve far more than we thought possible this year. We worked with even more young scientists, and were able to explore more scientific concepts in meaningful, hands-on ways. Thanks to the Cornell Lending Library, our young scientists had access to materials that would otherwise be inaccessible. Grant support allowed us to present free science workshops to child care centers right here in the community. It was everything we hoped to achieve and more.

The next several pages serve as a brief highlight to all the fun and learning that took place this year. We explored complicated topics and asked big questions. We learned a lot, especially when things didn't go as planned. We learned scientific vocabulary and created messes that showed us how things worked (or didn't work). It was an incredible year full of scientific exploration.

Thank you for supporting our mission to plant the seeds of science. Together, we have created a space where young minds flourish and community comes together. We look forward to continued growth.

The scientific fun continues!

~ Ms. Carmen

2018 Program Highlights

Big & Little Scientists

Let's put on our science ingredients! Over the course of the year, over 100 families participated in the Big & Little Scientists program. The majority of families came for twelve or more workshops, allowing us to dive deep into our topics. Together, we explored Earth science, learned about the human body, established the Lab garden, explored chemistry, and much more.



Science Saturdays

The weekend morning fun continued during Science Saturdays. This year, we spent a lot of time focusing on living things and their needs. Our long-term goal is to become more responsible members of this planet. Over 150 young scientists, age 5 to 11, participated in the Science Saturdays program.

School Break Science

School closure dates are a perfect time for science! Sponsored by Con Edison, the School Break Science program expanded its reach by presenting 21 workshops during the school year. Our young scientists engineered robots, created science-based art, grew food, learned about living things, and much more! On average, twelve school-aged young scientists participated in each workshop.



2018 Program Highlights

Summer Science

Thanks to support from the local community, we secured the necessary materials to expand our gardening efforts to include the front and back garden planters. Over the course of seven weeks, our young scientists cared for the indoor and outdoor gardens, harvested 28 pounds of food (grown on-site), and conducted experiments related to Agrochemistry, water science, and botany, and Earth science.



Special Programs & Events

So many exciting programs and events took place this year at the Lab! We hosted book swaps, a plant sale, a solar eclipse workshop, a Halloween party, after-hours social fun for kids, Sip 'n Science for the adults, and informative workshops like The Period Talk and First Aid/CPR.



Home School Science

To meet the needs of the local community, our Home School Science program expanded to include a wider age range while still maintaining our small group dynamics. Aligned with the National Science Standards, we engaged in fun, hands-on experiments that allowed us to better understand scientific classification, body, and Earth systems.



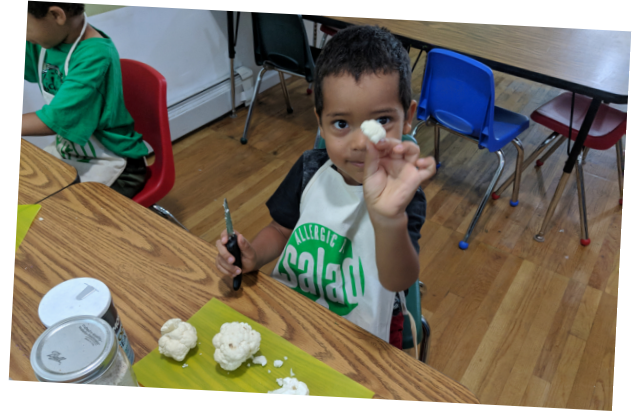
"These tomatoes taste like the sunshine."

-Rumi, age 4

Partner Educator Programs

Cooking w/ Allergic To Salad

Cooking and science combined as participants measured, mixed, and chopped their way to delicious recipes. Our partnership with Allergic To Salad included the use of fresh garden ingredients to provide an authentic garden to plate experience.



Chess w/ Simon

Presented by local chess teacher and tournament director, Simon, participants learned basic chess piece movements in order to develop their chess strategy. Our first tournament had over two dozen participants from around Brooklyn.

BAX at the Lab

Our partnership with BAX brought a dynamic drama program to the local community right at the Lab! Role playing, character development, movement exploration, and more. At the end of the session, participants presented their work to an audience of parents and families.



Dance w/ Allegra

Toddlers and preschoolers explored large motor movement while learning the basics of ballet with Allegra. A local educator with years of experience, Allegra's class creates mind-body connections and exposes participants to body and dance related vocabulary.

My Cozy Cozy

Partnership with Ms. Nat brought My Cozy Cozy to the Lab and met the community's need for increased toddler programming.

Financial Summary

Income/ Revenue

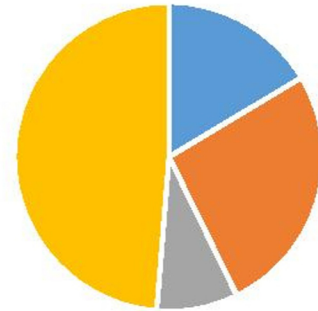
Grants	\$ 18,500.00
Individual Donors	\$ 4,678.00
Total Grants & Donations	\$ 23,178.00

Science Programming	\$ 37,225.00
Special Events & Misc.	\$ 12,028.00
Total 2018 Income	\$ 72,431.00

Expenses

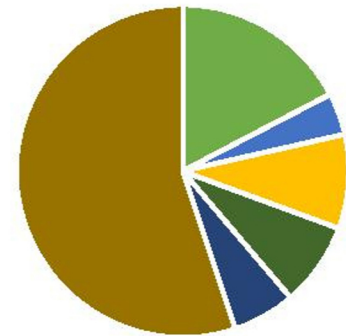
Commercial Expenses	\$ 40,029.00
Materials & Related Operation Costs	\$ 19,854.00
Intern Stipends & Contract Services	\$ 8,925.00
Total 2018 Expenses	\$ 68,808.00

Financial Summary



■ Total Grants & Donations ■ Science Programming
■ Special Events & Misc. ■ Total 2018 Expenses

Families Served by Program



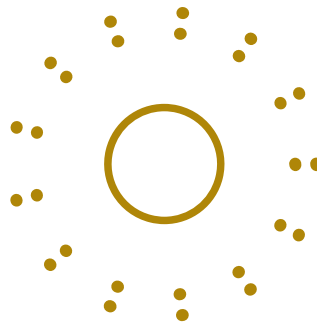
■ Big & Little Scientists ■ Home School Science ■ Science Saturdays
■ School Break Science ■ Summer Science ■ Field Trips

*"I want to be more than one kind of scientist when I grow up."
-Laura, age 8*

Champions for Young Scientists

Anonymous
Amanda Brokaw
Amanda Stewart
Andre Tirenin
Anjanette Silas
Barbara Ann Rogers
Beth Sutinis
Catherine James
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Melissa Gentile
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Roehr Family Foundation
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Sara Perch
Steph Sklut
Stephanie Palmieri
Symphony Chau
Tawana Hutchinson
Tony Greep
Tracy Vitulli



*"My favorite plant is all of them. I want to take care of plants and trees when I grow up. I love to garden."
-Elijah, age 5*

