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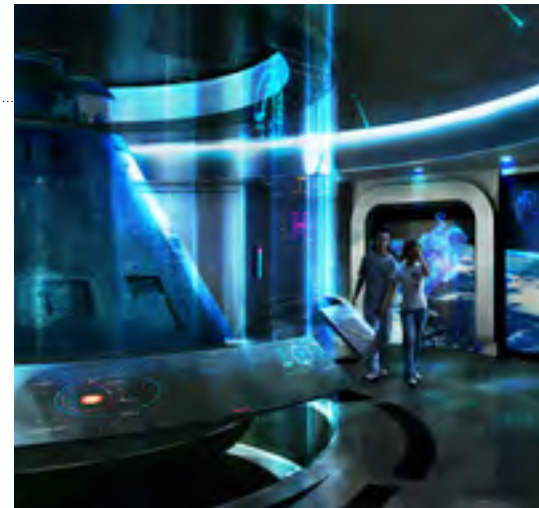
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"Trains, Planes and Intergalactic Travel" was the theme of the 2007 Columbian Ball. Volunteer auctioneer William Kurtis (above), guests Linda Johnson Rice, Mel Farr and Desirée Rogers (left) and Star Wars characters posed and mingled with guests (right).



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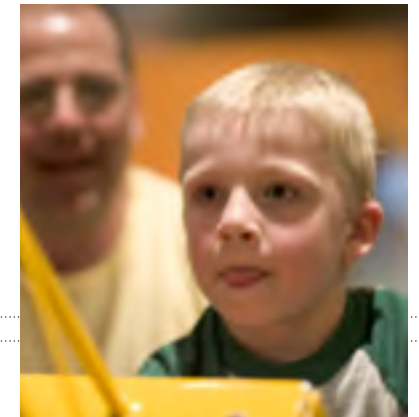
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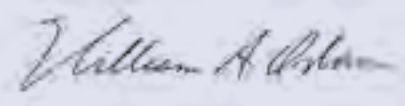
The Museum's strong 2007 operating results were driven by three successful temporary exhibits. *BODY WORLDS 2: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies* was the third best attended temporary exhibit in Museum history with nearly 400,000 guests. *CSI: The Experience* and *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination* each attracted approximately 140,000 guests. These exhibits helped drive operating revenue to \$43.1 million, a 15% increase from the prior year's \$37.3 million. Total attendance (1.7 million) and paid attendance (0.8 million) were both up 24% over 2006 and contributed to significant increases in all earned revenue sources. In addition to strong attendance, several other factors contributed to our strong increase in revenue – we increased our membership count by 45% to its second highest level in Museum history, the annual Columbian Ball generated nearly \$1.6 million in support and the Museum doubled its sponsorship dollars to \$1 million.

Offsetting these increases was a substantial decrease from government support as Chicago Park District collections decreased due to lower revenue receipts tied to unfavorable economic factors. Operating expenses also increased by 15% over last year primarily due to utility rate increases (energy costs were up 18% over last year), additions to membership benefits (access to more free events), costs associated with the increases in revenue generating activities and other general economic conditions. Slightly higher headcount also added costs, but with these additions we will be positioned to generate more revenue and positively impact the bottom line going forward.

Our balance sheet remains healthy, reflecting the financial performance from operations during 2007 and the activity related to the *Science Rediscovered* capital campaign. Net assets increased 9% to \$230.8 million with the change coming all in temporary restricted assets. Total assets grew 7.5% to \$282.2 million primarily in current and long-term pledges.

While the *Science Rediscovered* campaign was announced to the public in April 2008, we began raising money for the campaign in 2005, and these activities are reflected in our financial statements. Through 2007, we had received commitments for \$118.2 million towards the campaign, received cash of \$41.3 million and incurred expenses of \$35.8 million. Support for the campaign has put the Museum in the financial position to realize our vision to inspire and motivate our children to achieve their full potential in the fields of science, technology, medicine and engineering by providing the capital needed to develop and execute innovative education and public engagement programs, transform exhibitions and enhance guest experiences. As we move ahead, we will continue to raise the remainder of our \$205 million goal, which includes increasing the size of our endowment. This increase in the endowment will generate annual income that is critical to help cover the costs of running a world-class institution. We also remain focused on increasing gifts to our Annual Fund, an important source of revenue to support our operations.

Sincerely,



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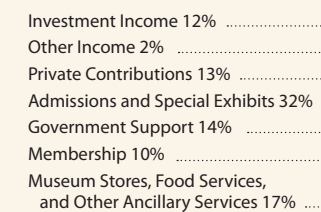
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	2007	2006
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Admissions	\$ 11,179,726	\$ 8,686,338
Special Exhibits	2,692,249	2,185,313
Museum Stores, Food Services, and Other Ancillary Services	7,237,532	6,244,211
Membership	4,288,359	2,441,052
Government Support	6,217,409	7,186,834
Private Contributions	5,621,904	4,913,075
Investment Income	5,137,778	4,977,663
Other Income	690,211	693,460
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 43,065,168	\$ 37,327,946
EXPENSES		
Public Programs	\$ 13,867,941	\$ 13,650,329
Education Programs	1,287,871	1,142,802
Program Support Services	6,162,456	4,482,299
Management and General	9,280,562	7,207,820
Development and Membership	3,146,419	2,274,629
Marketing	4,920,339	4,101,796
Museum Stores, Food Services, and Other Ancillary Services	3,739,234	3,844,557
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 42,404,822	\$ 36,704,232
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 660,346	\$ 623,714

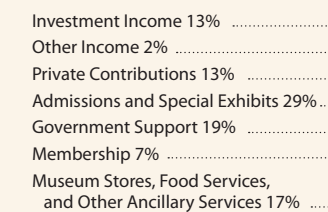
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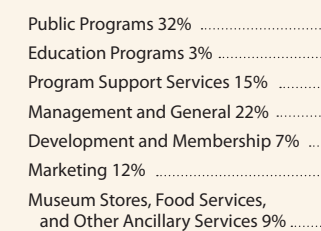
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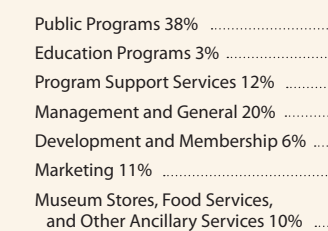
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Balance Sheet for the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 370,939	\$ 61,972
Short-term investments	5,367,542	7,026,526
Accounts and interest receivable	1,474,611	1,238,709
Pledges receivable, net	13,328,132	5,946,084
Inventories and prepaid expenses	1,493,028	1,283,803
Total current assets	22,034,252	15,557,094
LONG-TERM PLEDGES RECEIVABLE, NET	23,034,555	17,772,200
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	90,206,301	86,914,083
MUSEUM PROPERTIES, NET	146,125,098	141,948,352
OTHER ASSETS, NET	806,471	576,525
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 282,206,677	\$ 262,768,254
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,082,993	\$ 3,199,558
Accrued liabilities	7,945,522	7,838,262
Current portion of notes payable	5,532,621	2,205,801
Other liabilities	859,955	1,696,654
Total current liabilities	17,421,091	14,940,275
DEFERRED REVENUE, LESS CURRENT PORTION	1,108,000	1,458,000
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, LESS CURRENT PORTION	980,365	1,159,469
NOTES PAYABLE, LESS CURRENT PORTION	31,874,087	33,606,709
Total liabilities	51,383,543	51,164,453
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	163,478,702	169,367,978
Temporarily restricted	66,359,432	41,250,823
Permanently restricted	985,000	985,000
Total net assets	230,823,134	211,603,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 282,206,677	\$ 262,768,254

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