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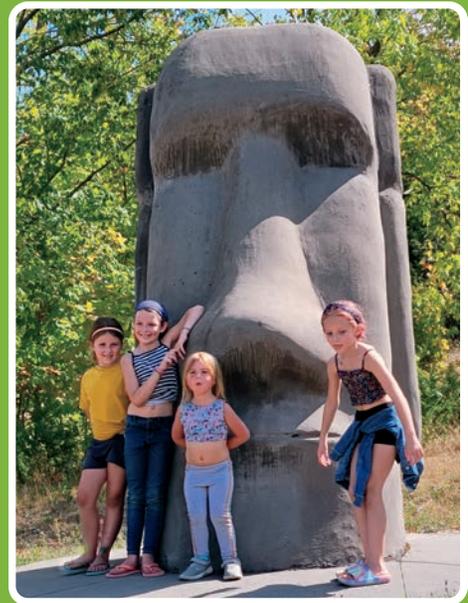
BRINGING OUR FUTURE FORWARD

Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie once said, “...set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy, and inspires your hopes.”

Raven Hill Discovery Center is excited to be doing just that—striving towards a five-year vision that will connect the deep roots of our past to the sustainable branches of our future.

That future starts with a strong foundation of board members, staff, and funding. It grows with the next generation of dreamers and doers dedicated to ensuring that Raven Hill remains the place where people of all ages can learn, create, grow, and play.

Interested in becoming part of the Center’s future?
Let us know by emailing cheri@miravenhill.org.



2023 IMPACT SNAPSHOT



6,311

Attendees

1,507

Field Trips

557

Classes

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023



Thanks to grant awards from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, 1,019 students and teachers from Charlevoix and Emmet County schools attended the **Spark! Places of Innovation in Rural America** exhibition, which explored how small towns have reinvented themselves through social events, culture & heritage, art, or technology. This was Raven Hill's second time hosting a Smithsonian exhibit.



An accessible dock system now graces Raven Hill's Pond. The new dock, which has come to be known as "**Dylan's Dock**," was designed, built, and installed by Eagle Scout Dylan Clapp and his crew. The dock includes signage illustrating the plants and animals found at the pond and allows visitors to see shallow and deeper water from the two sides of the dock.



The new **Solar SMART** exhibit helps visitors understand solar energy in terms of direction and slope, and also provides other information on solar power.

Our Mission: provide a place that enhances hands-on & lifelong learning for people of all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

Our Vision: providing opportunities for everyone to learn, create, grow, and play together, as they make connections that expand their awareness of the world as it was, is and might be.

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PROGRAMS, FACILITIES AND EXHIBITS

The **Evolving Technology Addition** opened early in 2023 featuring sixteen outdoor panels that illustrate the clothing, shelter, energy, transportation, and roadways throughout history from Stone Age to the Information Age. This project was made possible through support from the Alden & Vada Dow Family Foundations and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.



The **Main Museum** and the **Fiber Studio** have new membrane roofs thanks to support from the Herbert & Grace Dow Foundation, Alden & Vada Dow Family Foundation, VonVoigtlander Foundation, Great Lakes Energy People Fund, EJ (formerly East Jordan Ironworks) Company, Baiardi Family Foundation, and individual donors.

The pathway to the **Treehouse** has a new sign. Created by Gayle Levensgood, the colorful sign highlights the trail leading to the popular maple-shaped structure.



Classes replaced Discovery Camps increasing participation by 56% and offering 11 weeks of focused science, history, and art classes as well as museum and animal time.

Field trip numbers increased by over 48% from 2022 with students and teachers enjoying indoor and outdoor exhibits. The Center also hosted several scout groups and birthday parties.



Raven Hill traveled to present outreach programs at schools and libraries throughout northern Michigan reaching over 500 students.

Special events included six FREE Second Saturdays, an Open House for YIRA (Youth Innovation in Rural America) participants; a McLaren Staff Appreciation Day and the Opening for the Smithsonian **Spark! Places of Innovation in Rural America** Exhibition.



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488

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140

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