

Special Events



Representatives from Bank of America (L-R) Mark Maller, President; Heidi Maller; Linda Stepenovitch, Market Development Manager, and Joe Stepenovitch.

The 11th Annual Bank of America Wine & Culinary Celebration was held on April 21, 2006, and netted over \$130,000 to support

Museum programs. Hosted by SPARK, the event was enjoyed by almost 1,200 guests and featured nearly 30 restaurants and 200 wineries.



Gala Co-Chairs (L-R) John Magee, Southern Wine & Spirits; Jon and Katy Ferrando, AutoNation; Tom and Kari Angelo, Angelo & Banta; Doreen and Keith Koenig, City Furniture. Not pictured: Jim Ellis, Ellis Diversified.

The Mercedes-Benz of Fort Lauderdale The Sky's The Limit Gala, held on November 18, 2006, co-benefited the Museum and the Sun-Sentinel/WB39 Children's Fund, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation. Over 700 guests enjoyed the aviation-themed evening which raised over \$500,000.



Tournament winners: (L-R) Bob Bartholomew; Randy Horton; golf pro Gene Fieger; Rita Case; and Curt Nichols from the Rick Case Automotive team.

The Second Annual Museum of Discovery and Science Pro-Am Corporate Challenge sponsored by City Furniture was held on May 21, 2006. Spearheaded by Keith Koenig, CEO of City Furniture, the Challenge raised over \$45,000 to benefit the Museum.

2006 Gala Co-Chairs

Tom and Kari Angelo
Jim Ellis
Jon and Katy Ferrando
Keith and Doreen Koenig
John Magee

2006 Wine and Culinary Celebration Co-Chairs

Honorary Chair, Linda Stepenovitch
Anne Drescher
Kimber Morgan

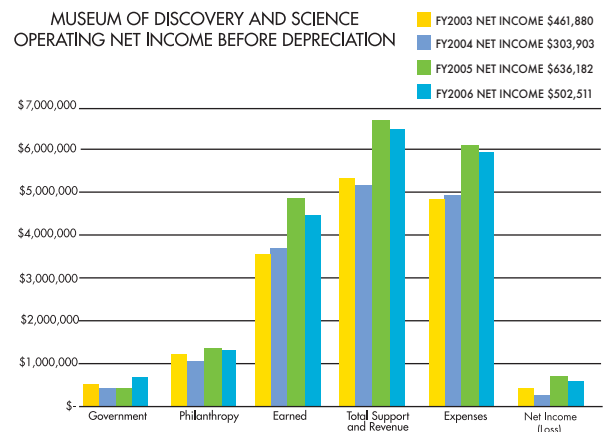
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Fiscal Year 2006

- Hurricane Wilma hit the Museum hard, forcing the Museum to close for over a week, causing serious damage, and depressing attendance from a community of people absorbed in house repairs and recovery. In spite of this setback, the Museum completed a highly successful fiscal year, generating net income over expenses of \$502,511, far better than budgeted expectations.
- The Museum has an operating budget of \$6.5 million in revenues and an operating endowment of over \$3.9 million in assets.
- 68% of revenues were generated through earned income from admissions, program fees, sales, and interest from endowment; 22% came from philanthropy; and 10% from government grants.
- Total attendance for Fiscal Year 2006 was 382,287.
- The Museum's endowment produced 48% more income than prior year due to positive results in the investment market.
- In spite of the loss of bookings and revenue due to Hurricane Wilma, and school closings of nearly a month that caused cancellation of many planned field trips, the Museum's school and group bookings were down only 6% from prior year.
- Earned income from program fees increased by 9% over prior year, with increases in birthday parties, camps, overnights and turtle walks.
- Philanthropy and event revenue remained within 1% of prior year's totals, at nearly \$1.4 million.
- The Museum received over \$1,000,000 of in-kind support in FY 2006.
- Corporate and foundation contributions increased by 5% over prior year.



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