

Inspiration begins here ✨

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THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE
FOR \$77 MILLION GOAL:

\$68 MILLION | 89%



CONNECTING LEARNERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

One major highlight of the *Inspiration Begins Here!* Campaign has been the launch of the Boeing Academy for STEM Learning. Thanks to leadership investments from The Boeing Company and the late Bill Boeing, Jr. and his wife, June, this initiative now links all of the Museum's K-12 programs in one inspiring education pathway toward aerospace and STEM careers.

The Boeing Academy for STEM Learning's emphasis is to encourage more students from underrepresented audiences to get involved in Museum programs. In order to achieve this goal, the Museum launched the Connections program on February 1, 2016. This is a student membership that provides youth ages 5-18 with free, unlimited access to the Museum, including the campaign-funded Alaska Airlines Aerospace Education Center.

Connections' first members were the 1,600 students who participated in the Museum's education programs in 2015. Word quickly spread among families, teachers and throughout the community. Within the program's first two weeks, more than 2,800 eager participants had registered.

The program has already benefitted individuals in the community. One mother and her son love the Museum and aviation but weren't able to become members for financial reasons, until they heard about Connections. "The mom could not thank me enough for the Connections program," says Museum educator Kelsey Cross. "What a difference it has made in their lives!"

In three short months, Connections has enrolled more than 18,000 enthusiastic young learners. Approximately 40 percent are female, well above the percentage of women represented in Washington aerospace careers today. Many of the participants come from the greater Seattle area, and a surprising number have registered from other areas of the state as a result of the Museum's outreach programs.

Connections and the Boeing Academy for STEM Learning address a demonstrated need in the community for access to resources like those at The Museum of Flight. Though its comprehensive campaign began in 2013, the Museum is already seeing the results of its donors' generosity in action. Inspiration truly does begin here!



UNVEILING THE B-29

The Museum's Boeing B-29 Superfortress is the latest aircraft to join our all-star line-up in the new Aviation Pavilion. The plane spent five years wrapped up to preserve its restored state while waiting for a permanent home. The plane was unveiled in early April by a team of Museum restoration volunteers – almost one year from when the Aviation Pavilion construction first began. The grand opening of the Aviation Pavilion will take place on June 25 and 26.

FLIGHT ZONE REOPENS



The Museum's Flight Zone exhibit reopened May 7, 2016 after an extensive remodel, which was made possible by the Museum's *Inspiration Begins Here!* Campaign. The original exhibit opened in 2000 to give young visitors ages 3-12 an opportunity for a truly hands-on educational experience. The exhibit has been enjoyed by thousands of families over the years, but was recently starting to show some age. Research has informed us that visitors want more interactive features, especially to introduce the constructs of aviation to little ones. The Museum strives to provide the best possible experience

for aerospace enthusiasts and visitors of all ages, so we listened to your feedback!

In addition to favorite features such as the Thorp mono-plane and the wind tunnel, Flight Zone has a new play area for toddlers, a chance for young learners to role play as a pilot or flight attendant, as well as updated carpet and seating. Come see how your Museum of Flight is creating more interactive opportunities to ignite the spark of aerospace inspiration in learners of all ages.

CALENDAR

MAY 28:

Boeing's Above and Beyond traveling exhibition opens

JUNE 18:

Aviation Pavilion opening events for donors

JUNE 25:

Aviation Pavilion opens to the public

JULY:

Launch of the new Educator Institute

AUGUST 5-7:

Seafair and Jet Blast Bash festivities

OCTOBER 22:

Pathfinder Awards

NOVEMBER 3-5:

SpaceFest: ladies who launch; with speakers, workshops and super cool guests

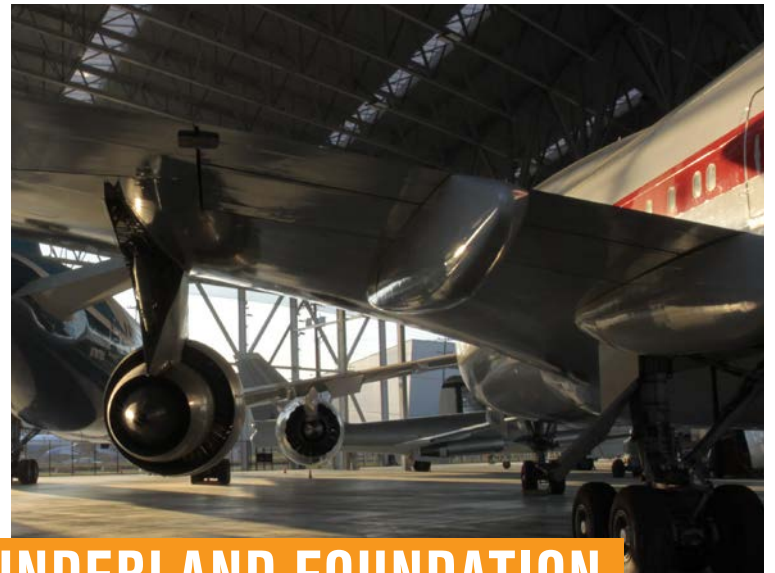
NOVEMBER 4:

A.M. Flight Breakfast: ladies who launch; a fundraiser supporting programs for young women

2017:

Remodeled Apollo exhibit opens to the public

Be sure to check the calendar on the Museum's website for more details! museumofflight.org/calendar



CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT: THE SUNDERLAND FOUNDATION

The Museum's *Inspiration Begins Here!* Campaign is building relationships with potential donors all over the country. The Sunderland Foundation, in Overland Park, Kansas, awards most of its grants in the Midwest. For more than 60 years, the Foundation has generously supported construction, renovation and restoration projects at nonprofits that provide educational opportunities and resources to youth. When the Sunderland Foundation heard about the Museum's Aviation

Pavilion – a new building that will DOUBLE our size and capacity – they were inspired to make their first-ever investment in The Museum of Flight! The Aviation Pavilion, which began construction in April 2015, is "cleared for takeoff" on June 25. Check the Museum website for a full calendar of exciting opening weekend events: museumofflight.org/calendar



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