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To Our Supporters



The Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo (Friends) is delighted to announce that the new Junior Museum & Zoo (JMZ) is scheduled to reopen in November 2021. This milestone comes after more than a decade of planning, fundraising, and construction. We look forward to welcoming the community into our incredible new space.

The Friends is very grateful to all of our donors and supporters for helping us raise more than \$25 million to reimagine and rebuild the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo. These donations, along with funding support from the City of Palo Alto, helped make possible a museum and zoo that will offer a truly unique experience to children and families for generations to come.

As we look towards reopening and the future of the JMZ, the Friends' top priority is to ensure that the museum and zoo remain accessible to all people, regardless of physical or cognitive abilities or their ability to pay admission. This past spring the Friends tirelessly advocated for the City to lower their proposed ticket price, and the City responded by lowering the admission fee from \$18 to \$10. The Friends continues to fundraise for access and inclusion programs, including our Science Outreach Program (established in 1999) and Super Family Sundays (established in 2010) for families with children with disabilities. The Friends is also excited to announce our new corporate sponsorship program. Please visit our website for details on all of our programs.

The City of Palo Alto and the Friends look forward to welcoming the public back to the JMZ. Thank you again for your commitment to the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo.

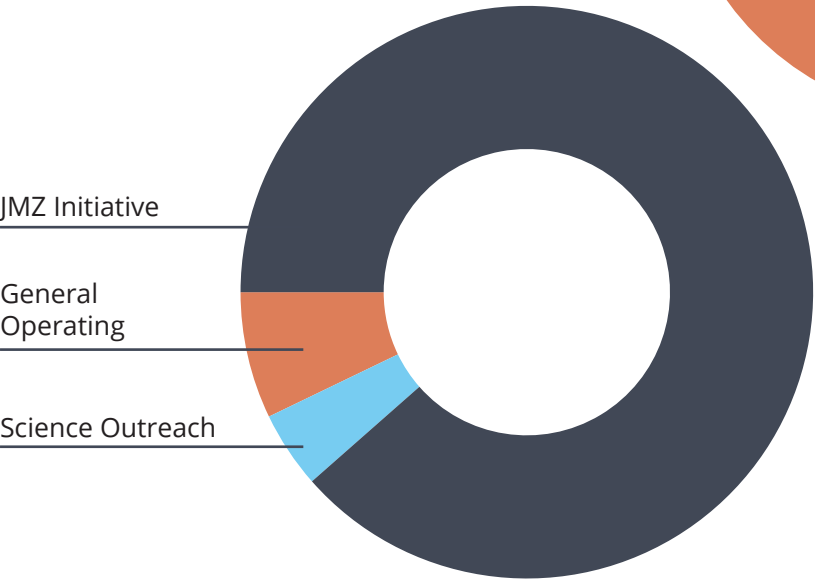
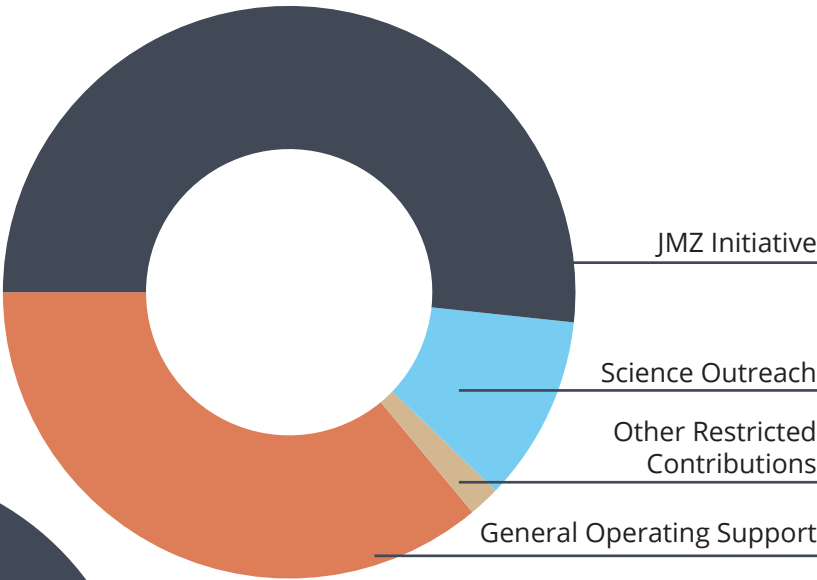
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Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo



Revenue

JMZ Initiative	\$293,390
Science Outreach	\$59,622
Other Restricted Contributions	\$10,000
General Operating Support	\$204,687
Total Revenue	\$567,669



Expenses

Programs:	
JMZ Initiative	\$2,022,304
Science Outreach	\$99,094
General Operating	\$163,436
Total Expenses	\$2,284,834

The New Junior Museum & Zoo is Here!



The new Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo is complete, and we could not be more thrilled for families and children to experience all the play and wonder the reimagined JMZ has to offer. Over the past year we've shared with you the exciting milestones we reached as part of the journey towards reopening the Junior Museum & Zoo, including completing the Treehouse and Canopy Walk, introducing a new flock of flamingos to the zoo, and designing and engineering the new Ball Machine exhibit and other interactive science exhibits. We are delighted by how the Junior Museum & Zoo has grown and evolved, and we think that you will be too!

Please check the City of Palo Alto's website for the most up-to-date information on the reopening date as well as ticketing and membership information.



California Dinosaur Garden

We are excited to begin raising funds for a special exhibit that will open in 2023: The California Dinosaur Garden. The California Dinosaur Garden will be an immersive experience of the Cretaceous period in California. The garden will feature prehistoric plants within a seasonal marsh landscape, life-size dinosaurs, prehistoric animal sculptures, and interactive interpretive exhibits, including a fossil dig. Exhibits will be fully inclusive, including wheelchair access to the fossil dig, braille labels, and tactile, sensory-rich elements for children of all abilities.



Access & Inclusion

The Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo and the City of Palo Alto share a vision for the museum and zoo to continue to be an accessible early-education science resource for all communities. To that end, the Friends is dedicated to continuing to fundraise for programs that promote access and inclusion:



Fair Access

The Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo is moving from free admission to an admission fee of \$10 dollars per person. The admission fee covers operations, not the cost of the new building, which was fully paid for by the Friends and the City. The admission fee allows the JMZ to continue to provide high-quality exhibits and programs and to safely staff the museum and zoo. Even with the fee, the cost of operating the JMZ will continue to be highly subsidized by the City. The JMZ and Friends are committed to making the JMZ as accessible as possible by offering reduced-price tickets and memberships to families that qualify.



Science Outreach Program

This program ensures that elementary school children in the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto receive exceptional, engaging science programming, right in their classrooms or homes. In school year 2020-2021, the program served 1,593 students through 425 virtual lessons in East Palo Alto elementary schools.



Super Family Sundays

Super Family Sundays are special events for families who have children with disabilities. These events are free and provide exclusive access to the Junior Museum & Zoo in a calm and friendly environment. We look forward to resuming these events once the museum and zoo reopens.



Thank you for your donation to the JMZ Initiative. We couldn't have done it without you.

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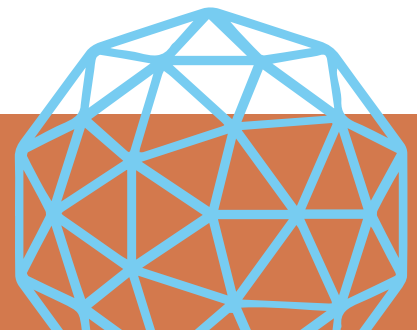


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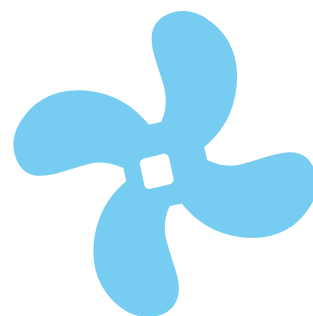
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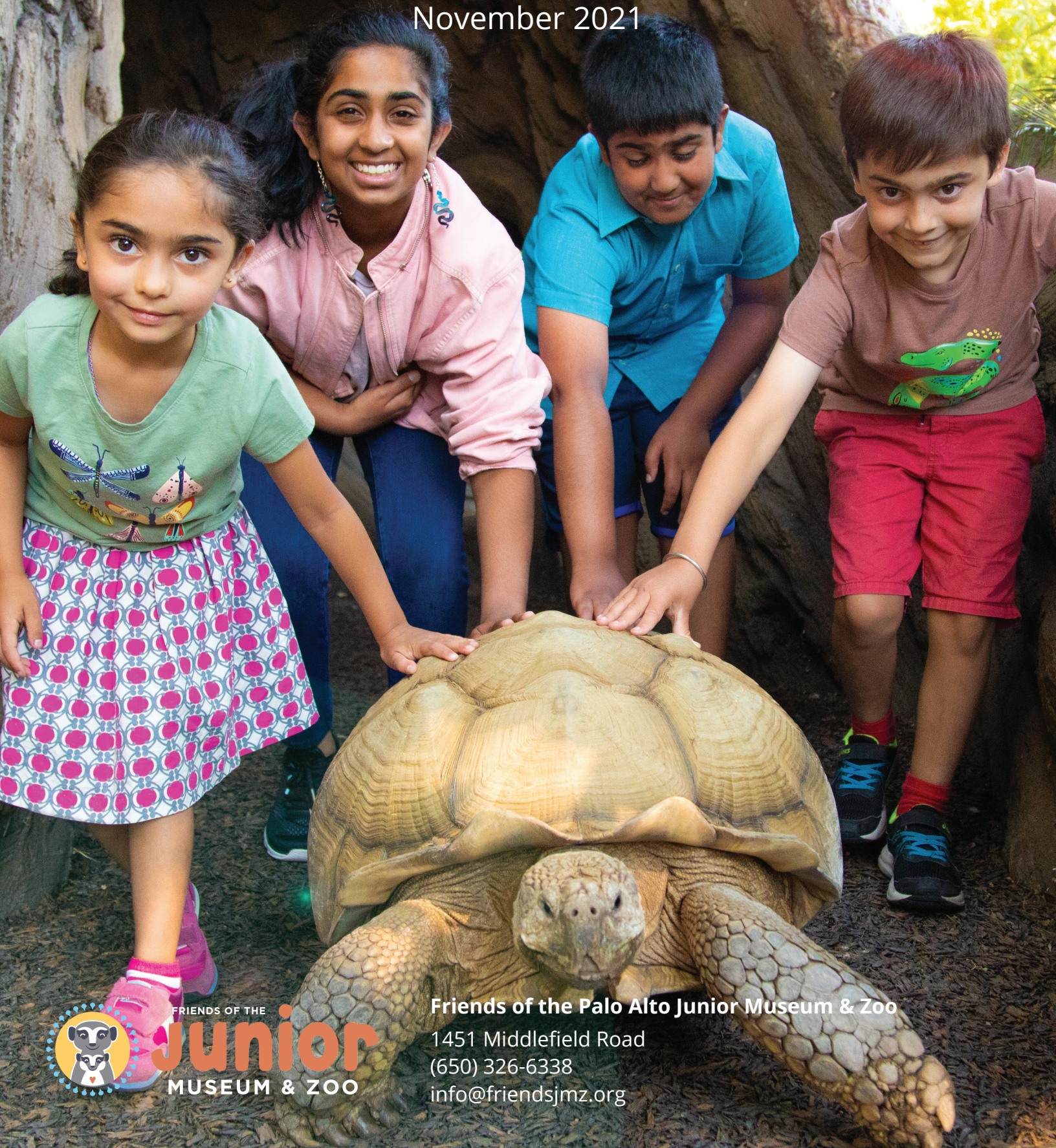
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