Our Mission is to inspire, educate, entertain, and enrich our region by creating opportunities for all to explore and experience the arts and science.

Our Vision is to be the region’s premier arts and science destination, inspiring lifelong discovery and inclusive experiences.

Our History
The Washington Pavilion opened its doors in June of 1999 in the renovated, historic building that served as Washington High School from 1908-1992. This historic transformation was accomplished through the support of public and private funding.

Private/Public Partnership:
- City Owns the Building: Annual support for operational costs, CIP support for major repairs and improvements
- WPMI Manages & Programs the Facility: Responsible for bottom line losses
- WPMI Recognized Non-Profit (IRC 501(c)(3)): Requires over $1,500,000 in donations and grants annually

Balance of Revenue 2018
- Admissions: 41%
- City Funding: 20%
- Donations: 17%
- Other Earned Income: 22%
- Total Revenue: $8.6 Million

Positive Regional Impact:
Connecting and engaging with over 400,000 patrons annually from Sioux Falls and beyond

Over $275 million in economic impact from 1999-2018

Formula for Success:
Programming Excellence: Focus on unique market position, Keep fresh, engaging and interactive, “Integrated” between the pillars

Community Partnerships & Outreach: Strong relationships with city hall & council, Beyond our walls: Action Arts & Science Program and outreach

Business Approach for Financial Health: Balance business and mission, Sponsorships to mitigate program risk

Strong Support:
In 20 years of operation, the Washington Pavilion has received almost $26 million in contributions to support our mission and programming.

Numerous dedicated and passionate volunteers who tirelessly support our mission and contribute to our success.
Husby Performing Arts Center
Epicenter of Performing Arts and Entertainment in the Region
• Wide variety of high quality education and entertaining performing arts – from Broadway musicals, and national and internationally recognized music, dance and theater performances
• Mary W. Sommervold Hall – 1,800+ seats
• Belbas Theater – 290 seats
• In our 20 years of operation, more than 2.9 million people have seen a show, attended a conference or other special event

Kirby Science Discovery Center
Interactive, Hands-on Fun & Learning
• 100+ exhibits, 20,000 square feet
• Over 90,000 patrons visit annually
• 15,000 school and group patron visits annually
• Exhibit refresh underway: new Space: An Out-of-this-World Experience exhibition completed in 2016; fit Zone fueled by Sanford Health completed in 2016; Health Quest by Sanford completed in 2018
• Numerous special events including Design Challenge, Science Fairs, Spooky Science and more
• Wells Fargo CineDome: 60-ft-wide, 4-story screen showing a variety of mission-based educational documentaries

Visual Arts Center
Cosmopolitan Galleries in the Heart of Sioux Falls
• 8 galleries, 11,500 square feet
• Approximately 20 exhibitions annually
• Exhibits range from noted South Dakota artists to Andy Warhol and Rodin
• More than 1,600 art pieces in our permanent collection
• Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums
• Numerous special events including Arts Night Experience, Sidewalk Arts Festivals, lectures and gallery talks

Community Learning Center
Quality, Educational Programs Serving All Ages
• A broad range of engaging arts and science programs for all ages – both at the Pavilion and in the community
• Serve over 34,000 annually
• Action Arts & Science Program:
  - 2015 recipient of the prestigious National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, given by the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities
  - Over 450 youth/week at over 23 partner afterschool sites
• Scholarships for students in need
• Over 2,800 youth served by classes, camps and theatre programs
• Graham Academy Preschool