Our Mission
Delivering memorable experiences that entertain, educate and enrich.

Our Vision
Inspiring lifelong discovery and inclusive experiences that improve the quality of life for everyone.

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 substantial 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 $1,900,000 in donations and grants annually.

Balance of Revenue Fiscal Year 2022*
- City Funding: 17%
- Admissions & Performance Ticket Sales: 28%
- Fundraising: 39%
- Other Earned Income: 16%
- Total Revenue: $14.9 Million

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

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 24 years of operation, the Washington Pavilion has received almost $37 million in private contributions to support our mission.
Numerous dedicated and passionate volunteers who tirelessly support our mission and contribute to our success.
Husby Performing Arts Center
Epicenter of Live 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 theatre performances
- Mary W. Sommervold Hall – 1,881 seats
- Belbas Theater – 290 seats
- Orpheum Theater Center – 686 seats
- Over 200 performances and 150,000 in attendance for the year.

Kirby Science Discovery Center
Interactive, Hands-on Fun and Learning
- 100+ exhibits, 20,000 square feet
- Over 114,000 patrons visit annually
- New! Sweetman Planerarium (opening late summer’ 23)
- 15,000 school and group patron visits annually
- Dinosaur Discovery exhibition updates including two new interactive games and additional dinosaurs outside the Main Avenue entrance to the Washignton Pavilion
- Numerous special events including Science Fairs, Spooky Science and more
- Wells Fargo CineDome: 60-ft-wide, 4-story screen showing a variety of mission-based educational movies and films

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 national, regional and local artists including Oscar Howe, Carl Grupp and Liz Hereen
- More than 1,600 art pieces in our permanent collection
- Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums
- Numerous special events including the Washington Pavilion Gala, Sidewalk Arts Festival, artist receptions and gallery talks

Education
Quality 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
- Scholarships for students in need
- Over 2,800 youth served by classes, camps and theatre programs
- Graham Academy Preschool
- Dakota Academy of Performing Arts is a program designed to inspire young theatre students in the Sioux Falls area to practice perfect, play hard and perform better than they ever thought they could.

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