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Museums for All Program Description

KidsQuest Children's Museum (KQCM) has been a community treasure for over a decade consistently serving more than 200,000 visitors annually. In response to overwhelming need for educational, interactive exhibits and programming for children and families across the Puget Sound region, KidsQuest launched a successful capital campaign in 2013 and opened the doors to its new museum in downtown Bellevue in January of 2017. KidsQuest now has double the exhibit space and 30% more educational programming to meet increasing demand. With the support of individuals, corporations, foundations and government officials — who share a common vision that all children, regardless of race, religion, or socioeconomic background, be ready to succeed in school and in life—our community museum is now projected to serve 240,000 learners this year alone. KidsQuest is eager to fulfill its mission, its promise, that all children deserve access to high quality museum experiences that connect them to each other and the world.

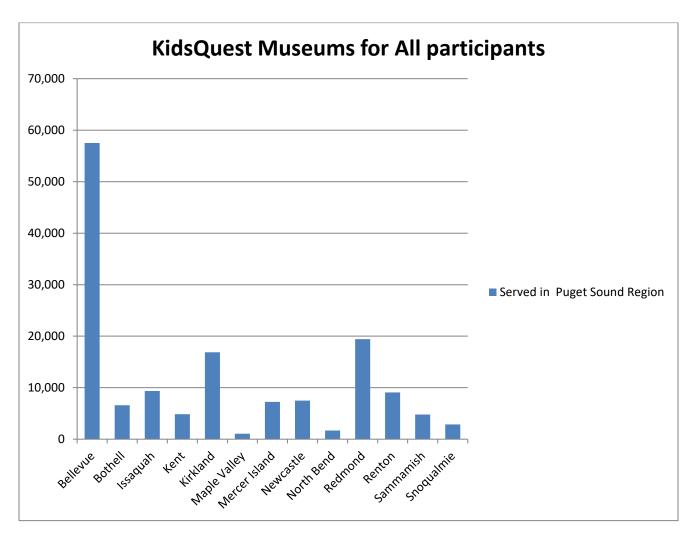
The Museums for All Program ensures equitable inclusion by providing free and low cost admission to on-site museum exhibits and classes. KidsQuest is a proud participant of the Museums for All program, which is an initiative of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children's Museums (ACM).

Since its inception in 2014, the Museums for All program has facilitated more than 514,000 museum visits nationwide for low-income community members with admission fees ranging from free to \$3 for families presenting an EBT card, CHIP, Provider One, or WIC card. There are currently 190 museums participating in this initiative to encourage families of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly, develop new interests and skills, enrich social connections, and build lifelong museum habits. In 2017, nearly 20,000 visitors took part in Museums for All through KidsQuest's community access program with estimated participation increasing by 30% in 2018.

KidsQuest Children's Museum continues to evolve and adapt to the eastside of the Puget Sound region's extraordinary growth. In the Museum's community scan, the following gaps in programming were noted: programming for the youngest learners (toddlers); more inclusive education engaging those with learning differences and special needs; and greater access to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) offerings. Furthermore, access was highlighted as a major concern with cost and available childcare cited as barriers to participation.



The Museums for All program positions the museum as a resource in the community to potential partners and encourages new partnerships, in particular with human service agencies, who are working directly with children and families.



Total Museum for All participants served January-December 2017 148,824

Dollar value of Museums for All in 2017 \$1,339,416