



Dear Friends,

2019 was a booming year for the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology (MOST). By focusing on strategic planning, business growth, and the continued restoration and preservation of the historic Armory building, we are in a positive position to begin the new decade with even greater aspirations.

*The museum's focus for 2020 will be transformation.*

#### **Mission Statement**

Integral to developing our programming and honing our purpose statement was crafting a mission statement to guide us as we continue to support the community. Our mission:  
To provide informal science learning experiences that ignite curiosity, encourage discovery, and inspire investigation.

#### **Exhibit Refurbishing**

With a commitment to fixing exhibits in 2020, the museum will begin refurbishment and upgrade of both the Lockheed Martin Flight & Space and Life Sciences exhibits. The exhibits team is working hard to update exhibits, from minor repairs to entire feature replacements.

The MOST is also reinstalling "da Vinci Artist. Engineer. Scientist. Thinker" and unveiling a new iteration of BUILD, presented by C&S Companies.

#### **Capital Repairs**

With a grant from the New York State Assembly for \$500,000 secured through Assemblyman William Magnarelli, the MOST will continue critical stop-gap roof repairs, HVAC and mechanical upgrades, and exterior building preservation efforts. This will be completed in spring of this year.

#### **Dino Zone and STEAM Café**

One of the larger projects planned for 2020 includes relocating an important amenity for our guests – our café space.

After creating our DinoZone Exhibit, an incredible new exhibit for our guests to enjoy, we had to relocate the café to the lower level of the museum.

This lower level space will be upgraded including removal of walls, new flooring, new lighting, and new furniture. The goal is to create a STEAM themed café area using the wall and floor space to showcase the five subject areas included in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math).

#### **MOST Sustainability Fund**

A newly established Agency Fund with the Central New York Community Foundation will enable the MOST to raise money for the future.

**All these projects are part of a larger effort to not only bring the MOST into the new decade but ensure that it is here to offer informal hands-on science education to our guests for decades to come.**



Thank you for your continuous support as a member, guest, contributor, and friend to the MOST.

Sincerely,

Lauren Kochian  
President



