

Heart of the Community Award

is presented to

Sacred Heart Discovery Science Center and Planetarium

Founded in 1958, the recently renamed Sacred Heart Discovery Science Center and Planetarium is a hands-on science museum in Bridgeport, Connecticut, that serves as both a tourist destination and an educational resource for area families, schools, and other groups. The Science Center provides dynamic STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) experiences designed to resonate with the innate curiosity, learning desire, and spirit of exploration of guests. The Science Center aims to encourage young learners to ask questions, solve problems, and engineer solutions today so they are better prepared to embrace the challenges of tomorrow.

The Science Center seeks to enhance a public understanding of STEAM through resources that include educational programs, shows in the Henry B. duPont III Planetarium, simulated space missions in the Challenger Center, presentations animated on Science on a Sphere, and a variety of permanent and traveling exhibits. Over 65,000 people take part in Science Center programming each year, through individual visits, school field trips, educational outreach to schools, and a variety of fun and dynamic public programs.

After a visit to the Science Center with her nephew, Liz Gronwoldt began volunteering for countless events since 2016. Nothing beats seeing the smiling faces of children while hands on learning and having fun, at the same time.



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