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Arizona Science Center Awarded \$1 Million Grant from The Kresge Foundation
Kresge Foundation approves challenge grant towards the development of My Digital World Gallery.

PHOENIX, AZ: Arizona Science Center is thrilled to announce the award of a \$1 million Kresge Foundation challenge grant towards the development of the upcoming My Digital World set to open this fall. This grant will provide a platform for Arizona Science Center to challenge the community to raise the remaining funds needed to meet its \$25.2 million *The Future of Education is Science* capital and endowment program goal by March 1, 2009.

The Kresge Foundation is a private foundation that supports communities by building the capacity of non-profit organizations in six fields: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services and community development. Sebastian S. Kresge established the foundation; it is not associated with any corporation or organization.

It is a tremendous honor to be granted a gift of this enormity by The Kresge Foundation. "With the awarding of this grant, we are saluting your efforts to improve conditions and advance opportunities in your community," says Rip Rapson, president of The Kresge Foundation.



The grant will support the 3,000 square foot My Digital World Gallery introducing visitors to the basic science of digital communications. Hands-on exhibits and activities throughout the gallery will empower visitors with a fundamental understanding about how modern technology works and how it can be utilized to create and share ideas and information. *My Digital World* will encourage people of all ages to linger, explore and be immersed in an array of technological advancements through exhibits and programs that focus in on discovery, creation and connection.

The Future of Education is Science capital and endowment program will increase Arizona Science Center's capacity to spark in visitors a lifelong exploration of science discovery. Major components include the creation and revitalization of hands-on exhibits and programs, the enhancement of facilities and the expansion of endowment and working capital.

The Campaign Cabinet, led by Chairman Michael DeBell, executive vice president of DMB, Inc., has secured more than \$21.5 million to date toward its \$25.2 million goal since the program began in 2006.

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The mission of Arizona Science is to inspire, educate and entertain people about science. Arizona Science Center is located at 600 E. Washington Street in Downtown Phoenix (between 5th and 7th Streets). The Center is open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with special extended hours March 9 – 30 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (9 – 10 a.m. for members only!). For additional information, visit azscience.org.