

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT





# AN INSPIRING VIEW



## John L Barry

Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)  
President & CEO  
Wings Over the Rockies

## A letter from the President and CEO

2023 was a record year for Wings Over the Rockies™ Air & Space Museum. We welcomed over 128,000 visitors, had our highest enrollment in the Wings Aerospace Exploration Pathway and reached over 50+ million YouTube lifetime views of our Behind the Wings® series. We achieved new milestones with an increase of 19% in earned revenue and a 21% increase in donation revenue over 2022, our highest total revenue in our 29-year history.

This is a testament to the commitment of our donors, our corporate partners, our board of directors, our volunteers, and our staff. It hasn't been easy to reach this success. We have had to adjust goals, make hard decisions and engage leadership in the effort to achieve our vision.

In 2023, we began implementing our five-year strategic plan where we have outlined an inspiring pathway to 2027. Through this plan we will become a more integrated and data driven organization with a focus on impact, metrics and community.

At Wings Over the Rockies, our core community has always been and will continue to be our top priority. We are dedicated to fostering strong relationships and delivering exceptional experiences for our loyal supporters. Simultaneously, we are committed to expanding our reach and welcoming new audiences to share in our passion for aviation, space, and innovation. I am proud of where the organization is going and honored to lead Wings Over the Rockies into 2024.

## A look back and what's to come

In 1994, Wings Over the Rockies began as a volunteer-led organization. A museum with a small collection, dependent on the board of directors to take turns paying the electric bill. Many strategic decisions, like the sale of Hangar 2, were made to support the growth of the museum.

Under dedicated, visionary leadership, Wings Over the Rockies has grown into a 21st century organization that offers visitors insider access to unique aircraft and aviation experiences at two locations: the Air & Space Museum in Lowry and Exploration of Flight at Centennial Airport.

I have proudly served on Wings Over the Rockies board since 2006. Wings has been gaining momentum for 29 years and with our supporters alongside us, we are excited to advance this extraordinary organization to new heights.



## Charlie Johnson

Board Chair  
Wings Over the Rockies

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## OUR MISSION & VISION



### MISSION

To educate, inspire and excite all people about aviation and space endeavors of the past, present and future.



### VISION

To inspire innovation and action for the next generation of aviation and space explorers.



# A YEAR TO CELEBRATE

MUSEUM<sup>†</sup> & EXPLORATION  
OF FLIGHT ADMISSION

# 128,029

12.5% INCREASE



<sup>†</sup>includes City Pass



MEMBER VISITS

# 18,215

CORPORATE & PRIVATE EVENT SALES

# \$1.2M<sup>+ \*\*</sup>

20.92%  
INCREASE\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>includes vendor commission



# 50M<sup>+</sup>

Youtube Lifetime  
Views

WINGS ON SOCIAL

# 200K<sup>+</sup>

Youtube/Facebook  
Subscribers



EXPLORATION OF FLIGHT  
RECURRING MONTHLY SHOWCASES



HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

# 1,698

Visitors Attended and  
Over 500 Flights Given



Behind the Wings<sup>®</sup> PBS seasons 1–5 aired in 106 markets  
and 39 states reaching 60% of the nation



BEHIND THE WINGS PODCAST

Peaked at #16  
of Top 100 U.S. Aviation  
Podcasts

# 20K<sup>+</sup>

Downloads

WINGS AEROSPACE  
EXPLORATION PATHWAY

# 68

 STUDENTS  
ENROLLED

Middle School: 37  
High School: 31



# A YEAR TO CELEBRATE



## VOLUNTEER HOURS

# 20,681

5% INCREASE\*

## VOLUNTEERS SPENT:

- » 1,000 Hours Guiding Tours and Educating Students
- » 2,000 Hours Operating Simulators
- » 5,600 Hours Assisting Guests
- » 11,400 Hours Preserving Artifacts, Restoring Aircraft, and Maintaining Hangar
- » 200 Hours Assisting with Events

## ★ NEW EXHIBITS ★

# Pioneers Pacesetters Possibilities

Colorado on the Aerospace Frontier



## FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS



# 128

Flight Training Scholarships  
Awarded (2019-2023)

# \$1.25M

in Scholarships Awarded

## PILOTS (2019-2023)

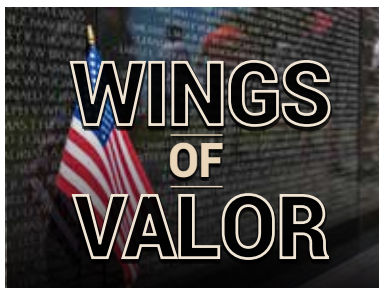
# 89

Solos

# 62

Certifications  
Issued

SUPPORTED BY THE  
RAY FOUNDATION



## WINGS OF VALOR 9.18.23

A tribute to Vietnam Air War Veterans with Guest Speaker General Ron Fogleman USAF (Ret)

## NAMED "20 BEST AVIATION MUSEUMS AROUND THE WORLD"

BY **CNN** Travel

## NAMED

**10** USA TODAY  
10BEST

\*OVER 2022



# ONE ORGANIZATION / TWO LOCATIONS

## AIR & SPACE MUSEUM



### A Year to Celebrate

In 2023, Wings Over the Rockies achieved remarkable milestones, solidifying its position as a premier air and space museum destination.

We welcomed over 128,000 visitors at both locations, showcasing our commitment to inspiring and exciting people about aerospace history and innovation. Throughout the year, 7,187 tour participants were guided through the museum to learn about the history of aviation and space and hear awe-inspiring stories. This is an increase of more than 900 tour participants, a 13% increase over 2022.

Wings' Museum Store is a vital part of our success story. Every purchase made directly supports our mission. In 2023, the Museum Store achieved \$280K in net sales, an 11% increase over 2022.



# 128,029

Total General Admission  
at Both Locations



# 1,897

Total Members



# 303

Total Museum Tours



# 7,187

Total Tour Participants

# ONE ORGANIZATION / TWO LOCATIONS

## EXPLORATION OF FLIGHT



### A Year to Celebrate

At Exploration of Flight, visitors experienced the thrill of flight up-close.

Guests took part in exciting monthly Breakfast Fly-ins and enjoyed a variety of weekend showcases on the 100,000 square foot Clay Lacy Field of Dreams flight ramp. The popular 4-day History Comes to Life event showcased the C-47 "That's All, Brother" and the Ford Tri-Motor, drawing in close to 1,700 guests.

Exploration of Flight also partnered with aviation educators and employers for the third annual Aviation Career Symposium. Participants were provided with valuable insights into aviation career paths.



**\$21,285**

Flights Revenue  
(including donation flights)



**81**

Flight Experiences  
(including donation flights)



**3,809**

Simulator Experiences  
(FM210, Glider, Gyroball, X-Wind, & FMX)



# CURATORIAL SPOTLIGHT, PRESERVING HISTORY

## NEW EXHIBITIONS IN 2023

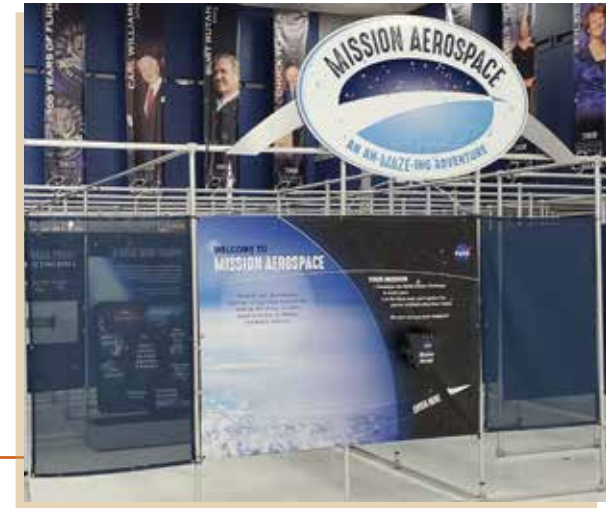


### Pioneers – Pacesetters – Possibilities: Colorado on the Aerospace Frontier

Coloradans have had a major impact across every aspect of aviation and space exploration. This exhibit highlighted the achievements of a diverse mix of Colorado people and companies.

### Mission Aerospace

The “Mission Aerospace” traveling exhibit was a hands-on exhibit and maze with more than 15 interactives that appealed to families and children of all ages.



### Wright Brothers and Early Flight

The “Wright Brothers and Early Aviation” exhibit received many upgrades and re-opened in December 2023 with the help of a generous donation from the Bates Family Foundation, featuring new content, models and artifacts.



# CURATORIAL SPOTLIGHT, PRESERVING HISTORY



## OUR GROWING COLLECTION



Donated by: William Paulick - an original painting by the late Michael Kane. Michael was a Denver native and a member of the US Air Force art program.

*The Collections department accepted 94 individual donations of aircraft, uniforms, flight gear, artwork, books and other artifacts.*



This bronze bust of Brigadier General Robin Olds, a triple ace in World War II and Vietnam, was created by bronze sculptor James J. Nance.



Donated by: Brian O'Meara – this large-scale model of an F-4J Phantom represents one of the Navy's most numerous aircraft in the Vietnam War. The model is currently on loan to Colorado Skies Academy, where it hangs in their main hall as inspiration to the students.

# WINGS AEROSPACE EDUCATION



## Wings Aerospace Exploration (WAE)

Wings Aerospace Exploration Pathway is an educational enrichment program for students in grades 6-12.

The Exploration Pathway is centered on hands-on, project-based learning that prepares students for a future career in aerospace. These opportunities allow students to apply what they've learned in a real-world setting, enhancing their understanding and retention. In 2023, students started working on the second student-built plane project. They logged 1,500 hours from students, instructors and volunteers.

**68** Total WAE Students

**7** Graduates

**6** Students received college credit from Spartan Aeronautics and Technology College

**6** Students earned the FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot Certificate

**10** Students participated in the StellarXplorers National Competition



“ My experience at Wings Aerospace Exploration helped me navigate the challenge of choosing a college major and career pathway. From aircraft assembly to additive manufacturing to computer programming, Wings helped me to gain diverse and relevant skills that will guide me through my professional journey in the engineering field.

- Rikki Doolittle, 2023 Graduate of WAE  
Majoring in Design Engineering at  
Colorado School of Mines

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“ Through the Wings Aerospace Exploration Pathway, I have been better prepared for the stresses of collegiate class work, and been given opportunities not available until junior year at my university. I have received transferable college credits, industry certificates, and FAA certifications that allow me to reach higher and farther very early in my college education.

- Gabriella (Ella) Smith  
Metropolitan State University, Aerospace Engineering

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## Drone Pilot Pathway

The Drone Pilot Pathway program helps students on their path to becoming a certified drone pilot.

The Drone Pilot Pathway is designed to cultivate the next generation of drone operators. Targeted at youth aged 15 and up, this pathway includes introduction to drones, drone flight training, preparation for the Part 107 exam and learning more about making a living as a drone pilot.



**15**

Students earned the FAA Part 107  
Drone Pilot Certificate



## Teacher Flight Pathway

Wings' Teacher Flight program helps bring aviation to the classroom. It immerses educators into the aviation industry and provides educational opportunities, museum membership, access to aviation programs and more.



**46**

Teachers Flown



# WINGS AEROSPACE EDUCATION

## Pilot Pathway: “Helping Dreams Take Flight”

Wing’s Pilot Pathway guides students on their path to becoming a pilot by providing Introduction to Pilot Pathway, Private Pilot Ground School and an opportunity to receive a Flight Training Scholarship.



Wings is proud to partner with EAA's Young Eagles Chapter 301 to help give youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane.



# 212

Young Eagles Flown

--- Thanks to the generosity of the Ray Foundation ---

# 22

Total Scholarships Awarded in 2023

# 19

Total Certificates\* Earned in 2023

# 21

Total Solos in 2023

\*Students who soloed or earned certificates in 2023 may be previous year scholarship recipients.

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This scholarship has allowed me to go beyond my dreams of being a pilot. Due to the events Wings organized, I was able to network and meet military, airline, and general aviation pilots. All of these experiences helped me to be appointed to the United States Air Force Academy where I plan to continue pursuing aviation.

- Andrew Hathaway  
(2022 award cycle - Achieved Private Pilot Certification in fall of 2023)

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I soloed yesterday!! I had so much fun and I haven't stopped thinking about it. I felt like my hard work had paid off! Of course, there's more learning to be done, and I'm excited to face those challenges head-on.

- Jared Silverio  
(2023 award cycle - Achieved first solo flight in fall of 2023)

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# AIR & SPACE SUMMER CAMP & COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Total Summer Camp  
Participants in 2023

**448**

Wings' STEAM-focused Air & Space Camp is an immersive experience designed to ignite curiosity and passion for not just exploring the skies. It also fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in the minds of our youth.

- Summer camp ran for 10 weeks at both locations.
- New camps included Mission: Artemis and Fighters & Bombers.
- 14 camp sessions were sold out.

## Community Outreach

Wings is committed to engaging with our community and inspiring the next generation of aerospace explorers.

Through outreach programs and events, we aim to spark curiosity and ignite a passion for aerospace in learners of all ages.

In 2023, Schools, and Community Groups reached:



**46**

Schools/Community  
Events



**9,000+**

Students/Families



# PRIVATE & CORPORATE EVENTS



Wings Over the Rockies' two locations serve as unique spaces for unforgettable events with a crowd-pleasing ambience among iconic aircraft.

The community continues to seek out Wings as a venue for a variety of private events, including weddings, proms, military ceremonies, Candlelight concerts and non-profit fundraisers. Notable events in 2023 included an Eileen Collins book signing, United Airlines Family Day and Tuskegee Airman Col. James Harvey's 100th birthday party.

Wings hosted its own very special events as well, including Hops in the Hangar, Hauntings in the Hangar, Holiday S'Wing-a-long with Bianca and the Flyboys, Santa in the Hangar and Wings of Valor: Honoring Vietnam Air War Veterans.

Taking Celebrations to  
New Heights

**\$1.2 MILLION**

In Revenue  
20.94% increase over 2022

**64**

Events Held at  
Wings Over the Rockies  
Exploration of Flight

**161**

Events Held at  
Wings Over the Rockies  
Air & Space Museum

38.4% Increase of Private Event Guests from 2022

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*Wings Over the Rockies is simply a spectacular offsite venue for corporate, convention, tour, and hospitality industry groups. I am delighted to wholeheartedly recommend Wings Over the Rockies as one of the top offsite venues in the Denver, CO area.*

- J. Davis  
President of U.S. Group Planners, Inc.

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# 2023 PARTNERSHIPS WITH A PURPOSE

STRENGTH IN UNITY



*Aboriginal Astronomy*  
*Alpine Bank*  
*Anythink*  
*Arapahoe Libraries*  
*Archer Aviation*  
*Aurora History Museum*  
*Aurora Public Schools*  
*Autism Community Store*  
*Ball Aerospace*  
*CDOT Division of Aeronautics*  
*Centennial Airport*  
*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*  
*Colorado National Guard*  
*Colorado Pilots Association*  
*Colorado Space Business Roundtable*  
*Commemorative Air Force*  
*Denver Center for the Performing Arts*  
*Denver Public Schools*



**At Wings Over the Rockies, we are dedicated to inspiring and educating people of all ages about the wonders of aviation and space exploration.**

Our mission is fueled by the support and collaboration of our valued partners who share our passion and commitment to making a difference in our community. Together, we are shaping the future by empowering the next generation of explorers, innovators, and leaders.

*Drone Express*  
*DroneUp*  
*Experimental Aircraft Association*  
*Flyte Co Brewing*  
*Honeybee Robotics*  
*Jeppesen Foundation*  
*Lockheed Martin Aeronautics*  
*Lockheed Martin Space*  
*Lone Star Flight Museum*

*Lowry Beer Garden*  
*Lowry Neighborhood*  
*Maxar*  
*Metro State University*  
*MissionGo*  
*NASA Goddard Space Flight Center*  
*NASA Johnson Space Center*  
*National Air and Space Museum*  
*National Cyber Security Center*

*Northrop Grumman*  
*Operation Astro Access*  
*OrbitFab*  
*Pop Culture Classroom*  
*Reaction Engines*  
*Rocky Mountain PBS*  
*Signature Aviation*  
*Space Telescope Science Institute*  
*Spartan College*  
*Stanley Marketplace*  
*The Sunborne Corporation*  
*UC Health*  
*UCCS Cyber Security*  
*United Airlines*  
*United Launch Alliance*  
*US Air Force*  
*US Marine Corps*  
*US Space Force*  
*Walmart*



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

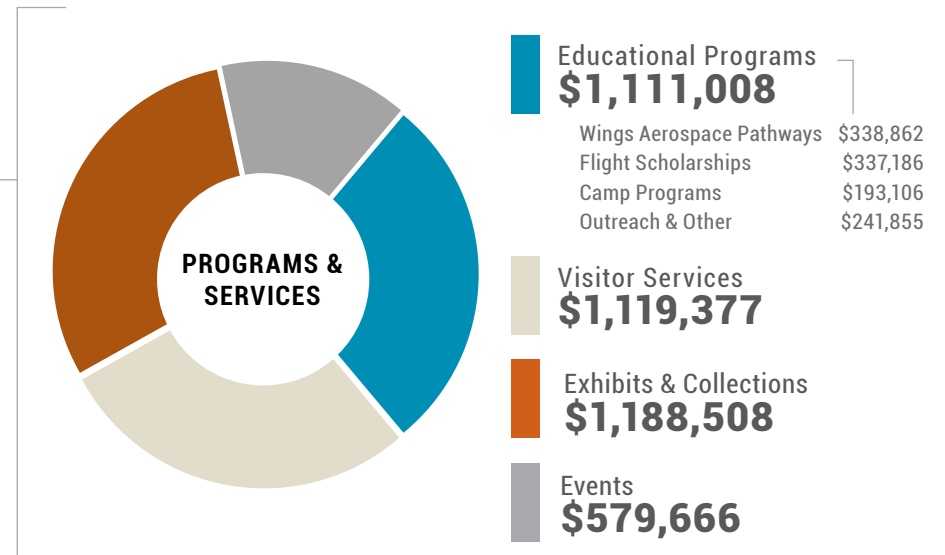
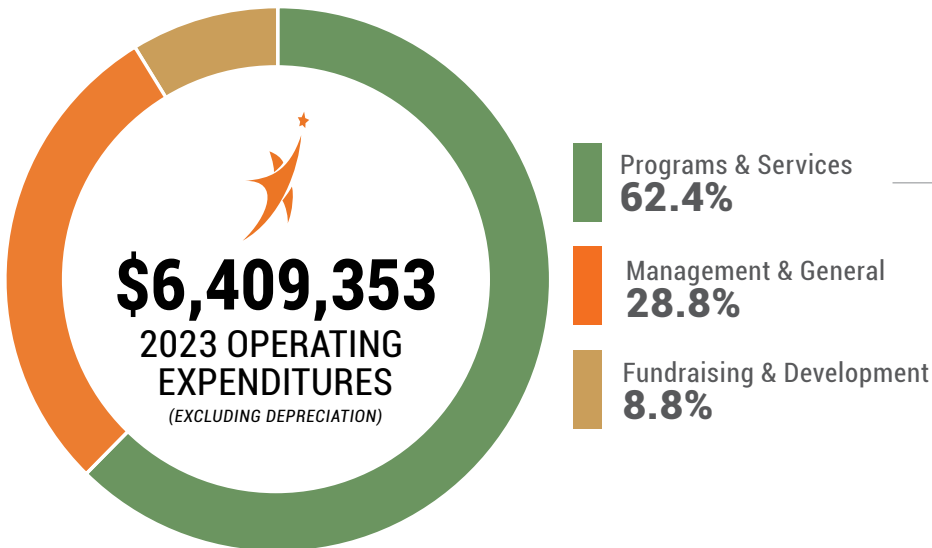
## Operating Expenses

2023 operating expenses, excluding depreciation, increased by 10.3% or \$599,778 compared to 2022. This was primarily due to increased staffing, insurance and facility maintenance costs. Staffing or payroll costs increased in response to the competitive Denver employment market and to more effectively support our expanding programs and services, especially within education and guest experiences.

Overall, our expenditures supporting programs and services represented 62.4% of the museum's total operating costs, while administrative and fundraising costs equalled 28.8% and 8.8%, respectively. Within "programs & services", our various educational

programs accounted for just over \$1.1 million or 28% of total program costs. Our primary educational programs included our Wings Aerospace Exploration Pathway program for high school and middle schoolers (\$339K), our Ray Foundation sponsored flight scholarship program (\$337K), the Wings youth camp program (\$193K), and our educational outreach activities, including our Teacher Flight program (\$242K). Guest experience and various curatorial and exhibit costs collectively accounted for about \$2.3 million or 58% of program & service costs.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES EXPENSE BREAKDOWN





# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

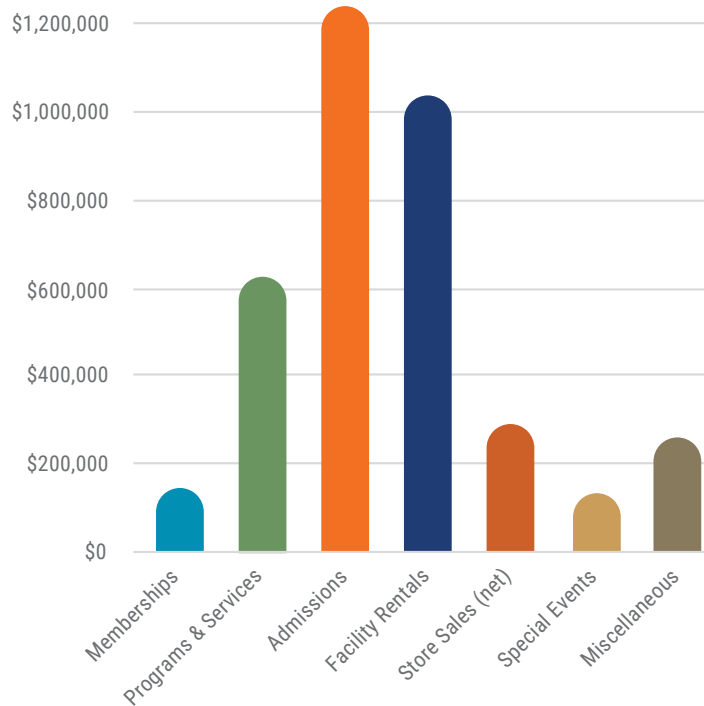


## Earned Revenue

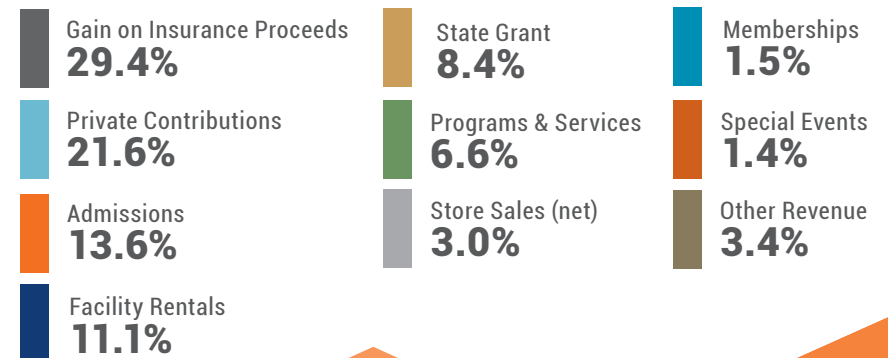
In 2023, total revenues grew 61% or just over \$3.5 million over 2022 primarily due to a \$2.7 million gain realized from the settlement of an insurance claim related to roof damages from a hail storm. Excluding the net gain on the insurance proceeds, total revenue grew 13.9% compared to 2022. Earned revenue generated from visitor admissions, programs, event facility rental and net museum store sales collectively enjoyed strong growth with an increase of 19%. Total donation revenue

contributed nearly \$2.8 million or 30% of total revenue, an increase of 21% over the prior year. The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District grant accounted for \$780,701 or 28% of total contributions received.

Excluding the gain from the insurance proceeds, the top four revenue sources were private contributions (29%), visitor admissions (19%), event facility rental (16%), and the SCFD State grant (12%).



Memberships	142,857	Store Sales (net)	\$280,520
Programs & Services	\$619,507	Special Events	\$128,498
Admissions	\$1,273,824	Miscellaneous	\$263,668
Facility Rentals	\$1,032,432		





# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

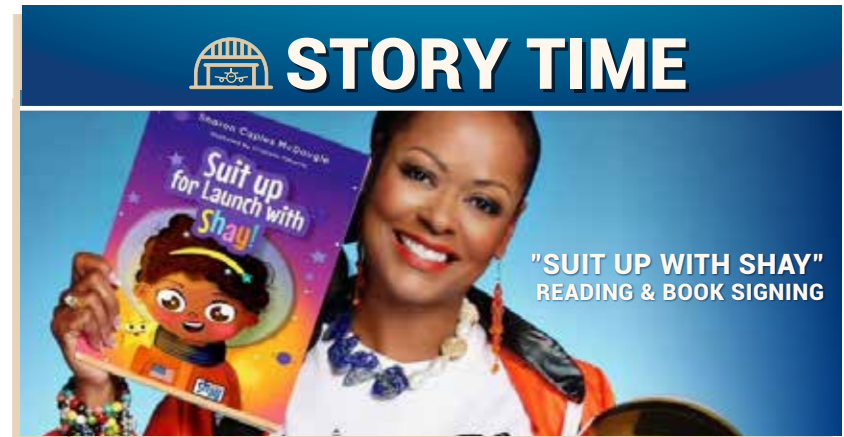


## Soaring with a Pioneer - Eileen Collins, Trailblazing Astronaut

In celebration of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week, Col. Eileen Collins, former NASA astronaut, USAF Colonel, and the first woman to pilot the Space Shuttle and command a Space Shuttle Mission shared her incredible story. She also autographed her book: *Through the Glass Ceiling to the Stars*.

## NFL 360 Filming of "The Flyest Ever" featuring Col. James Harvey

Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum had the pleasure to host NFL 360 as they filmed a portion of their documentary "The Flyest Ever" (Tuskegee Airmen) at the museum in November 2023.



## The Unsung Hero of Space Exploration - Sharon Caples McDougle

Author Sharon Caples McDougle worked with the Space Shuttle program suiting up astronauts for launch for over 20 years. As part of the launch of her new children's book, *Suit up for Launch with Shay!*, she visited the museum for a book signing and to read her new book to children of all ages.



## Sensory Friendly Hours

Wings is proud to offer a more comfortable and complimentary museum experience four times per year for our friends who have sensory processing sensitivities and their families. We welcome families with children, teenagers and adults on the autism spectrum, with sensory processing disorders and other cognitive disabilities to experience our museum in a lower sensory environment.



## Wings of Valor: Honoring Vietnam Air War Veterans

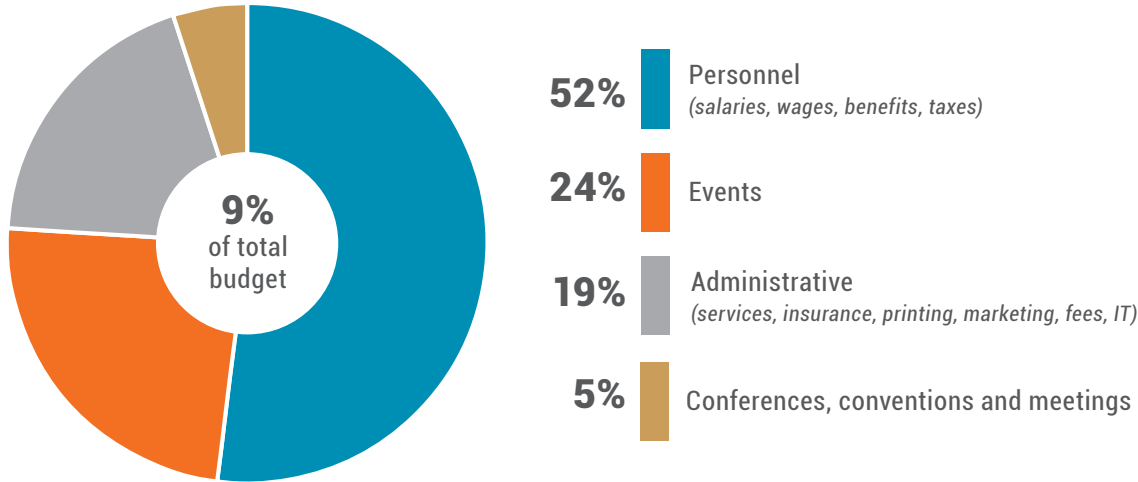
Wings Over the Rockies, in partnership with the United States Air Force Historical Foundation, held the Wings of Valor: Vietnam Air War Veterans Celebration in September commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. This event was a tribute to the fearless aviators who soared through the turbulent skies of Vietnam, demonstrating bravery and unwavering determination.



# SUSTAINING THE WINGS

## FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT

### Fundraising Costs



### 2023 Highlights



Exceeded fundraising budget by over 12%



Awarded grant to expand Wings Aerospace Education Pathways to Exploration of Flight (Centennial) for the 2024-25 school year



Most successful Colorado Gives Day in Wings history

### In Gratitude



This L-19 Bird Dog, a Vietnam era aircraft was donated to the museum by a Wings' loyal donor. To share a bit of the story behind this donation, the donor acquired a M37 truck as part of their collection, and when they received the truck, it came with a bonus - the L-19 "Bird Dog." With this gracious donation to Wings Over the Rockies, the L-19 will take to the skies once again to fly guests in 2024.



**Wings honored Lockheed Martin Space at the 2023 Spreading Wings Gala in March.**





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## DONORS – Organizational

### 350,000+

Ray Foundation, Inc.  
Scientific and Cultural Facilities  
District  
SunBorne XVI, LTD.

### \$20,000 - \$100,000

Bates Family Foundation  
Lockheed Martin  
Peggy & Steve Fossett  
Foundation  
Peter Paul Luce Foundation  
Si Robin Foundation

Telluray Foundation  
United Airlines

### \$7,500 - \$15,000

Arapahoe County Public Airport  
Authority  
Denver International Airport  
GogoAir Business Aviation  
Hutchison Family Trust  
MDC Holdings, Inc./Richmond  
American Homes Foundation  
Raytheon Technologies  
Ross Family Charitable Trust

Suzanne & Walter Scott  
Foundation  
The Anschutz Foundation  
Thompson Family Fund

### \$2,501-\$5,000

CAir Force Academy Foundation  
/ Association of Graduates  
USAF  
Arta Tequila  
Aspen Flying Club  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Colorado Air and Space Port  
El Pomar Foundation

ISYS Technologies  
Records-Johnston Family  
Foundation, Inc.  
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WEI Office

### \$1,000-\$2,500

Air Force Historical Foundation  
AFHF  
B & T J LeGare Charitable Fund  
Braconier Mechanical &  
Plumbing Services

Captain Jeppesen Foundation  
Centennial Rotary Foundation  
Colorado Aviation Business  
Association CABA  
Colorado Dragon Boat  
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Denver Museum Of Nature And  
Science  
International Jet Aviation  
Metropolitan State University of  
Denver  
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Foundation  
United Launch Alliance

### UP TO \$1,000

The Air Force Museum  
Foundation, Inc.  
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Commemorative Air Force-Mile  
High Wing  
Hampden Press  
Nike World Headquarters  
Sherman & Howard LLC  
Spartan School Of Aeronautics

## DONORS – Individual

### \$100,000+

Harry B. Combs  
Lou Hutchison

### \$10,000-\$20,000

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Carl W. Mattson  
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Stephen Strachan  
Steven Woodward

### \$5,000-\$9,999

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Hurley  
Janice A. Kahler  
Jeff Puckett  
Shaun and Kelly  
Regan  
Collin Scott  
Ron Smith

### \$2,500-\$4,999

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Bates  
Steve Combs  
Daniel Edwards

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Dana Kirchmar  
Dagmar Kress  
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Conor McCallin  
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Joan Skulley  
Joseph H. Thibodeau  
Tim Ulfig  
Richard Waryn

### \$1,000-\$2,499

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Thad Bagnato  
David Bangs  
Mark Berent  
Danielle Blakely  
Howard L.  
Bodenhamer  
Clark Boyer  
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Rob and Kristina  
Stuber  
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Patricia Thompson  
Frank Toney  
John Umbaugh  
Diane G. Wallach  
Darrel Whitcomb

### UP TO \$1,000

KarrieLee Abelein  
James Hall  
Beth Healey

Matthew Linton  
Robert Lovell  
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Benjamin Allen  
Jay Allen  
Aires Almon  
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Rylie Behr  
Travis Best  
Kendall Bjorge  
Charles Blocker  
Norris Boyd  
Kathleen Brennan  
Mitchell Brinkhuis  
Carol Brookshire  
John Brummitt  
Beverly Burke  
Wes Butero  
Michelle Butzke  
Charday Caminero  
Peggy Fromme  
John Cannon  
Rene Capron  
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Ken Christenson  
Valerie Clark  
Sharla Click  
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Joy Corsi  
Kristen Crabtree  
Jack Cronin  
Willie L. Daniels  
Susan Darigo  
Saber Dattoli  
Stacey DeFore  
Marc DeFur  
David Dickerson  
Alexandra Dimitriou  
Donna Doty  
Christa Drake  
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Linda Ferraro  
Megan Fisher  
Megan Fisher  
Thomas Fleming  
Kenneth Flesner  
Steve Franzen  
Peggy Fromme  
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Andy Geist  
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Christine Gendron  
Bobbi Gietzen  
Mike Goode  
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Jakalyn Helling  
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