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THE MISSION OF THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT is to provide a better understanding of our world by collecting, preserving and interpreting history and illustrating scientific principles. The Grout Museum collects, preserves and interprets cultural and natural history of the region; the Rensselaer Russell House Museum and the Snowden House preserve and interpret elements of the Victorian age; the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium provides exhibitions and programming that inspire the study of the sciences; and the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present.



TO BE A KID AGAIN

Childhood has so many different connotations. Mention it to an educator and they will tell you about the developmental stages of childhood; mention it to new parents and they will tell you about sleep deprivation and chaotic schedules.

Mention childhood to people of a certain age and for many, the stressful parts of having or being a child fade into the background; leaving behind the joy and wonder that can be found in those precious few years before we become "grown-ups".

Whether it is a group of third graders learning about hair wreaths at the Rensselaer Russell House during Museum School, a room full of Webelos exploring science at the Imaginarium, a group of fifth graders hearing the sad story of Waterloo's five Sullivan brothers or a group of summer campers making rockets and sending them into the sky at the end of the week--the Museum District is a place where "Aha!" moments occur on a regular basis.

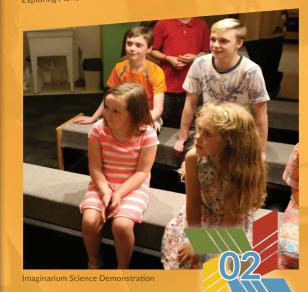
The Grout Museum District is a place that can unlock that doorway to the memories of childhood. When it is shared with children, you can relive the wonder and amazement through their excitement and quirky questions about how the world works and what it was like "in the old days"--when grandma and grandpa, the dinosaurs, and cowboys ruled the world--together! Visit the Grout Museum District, alone or with your favorite kid, and discover your inner child.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE





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PROGRAMMING

• Spirit Walk

• Star Parties

Weekly Wonders

Teas

- Bosnian Cultural Festival
- Boy Scout Badge Days
- Discovery Days
- Dollar Days
- Girl Scout Overnights & Badge Days Summer Camps
- Gallery Talks & Exhibit Tours
- Home School Workshops
- Memorial Day at the Iowa Veterans
- MIA/POW Commemorative Event
- Museum Madness National History Day



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EXHIBITS

GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE & SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

- The Cold War Ablaze: Iowans In the Korean War
- Bosnian Portraits: At Home the Cedar Valley
- From the Prairie to the Trenches: Iowans in the Great War

DOLL EXHIBITS

- Happy Birthday-Tea Party
- Hold On To Your Hats

BLUEDORN SCIENCE IMAGINARIUM

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

- Transformer Power/Faraday's Electric Machine
- Attack of the Bloodsuckers
- Nano
- Augmented Reality Sandbox
- 25 Years of Inspiring Minds at the Imaginarium
- Video Tour of the Imaginarium 2007

UPGRADES

- Voices of Iowa: Iowa Farm Stories
- Iowa Veterans Roll of Honor
- Fallen Heroes: A Tribute to Iowans Killed in Action
- Iowa Veterans Honor Roll





TOTAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED 2250

• Over **1**,**800** Veteran interviews conducted

• Over **450** farm interviews conducted in partnership with Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage

• All interviews archived at Grout Museum for use in research, exhibit development, promotion and educational programming

VOICES OF IOWA

INTERVIEWS BY MILITARY BRANCH

30%

NAVY

48%

ARMY

14% MARINE CORPS

7%

INTERVIEWS BY PERIOD OF SERVICE

44% WORLD WAR II

16% KOREAN COLDWAR/

PEACETIME

CELEBRATING JOY

Joy Thiel has volunteered her time and teaching expertise for five years at the Grout Museum District. While she has worked with a number of different departments, her greatest impact has been the time she spends with local third graders visiting through the Museum School program. Joy brings over 40 years of teaching experience with her to the District each week; her confidence and skill with students is indispensable. She helps children experience the history of their community through a variety of hands-on activities such as digging for fossils, exploring the Rensselaer Russell House Museum, and grinding corn with the heavy marble millstones (which she can turn with one hand).

Joy's volunteer effort, totaling nearly 800 hours, has made a lasting impact on the students and school staff that visit the district. The kids love to listen to Joy talk about growing up on an Iowa farm and how different life was when she was a girl with no electricity or running water. When it comes to volunteer work, Joy is motivated by what she calls the "million dollar paychecks"- the appreciation, funny stories, and "lightbulb" moments with children that make the work worthwhile. Joy is vital to the Grout Museum's mission to providing a better understanding of our world by collecting, preserving, and interpreting history. The Grout Museum District is proud to announce she is a recipient of the Volunteer Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award 2018.





The WWI collection has been housed at the museum since it opened in the 1950's, and Hunter had to bring its registration up-to-date. He attached new object labels using modern materials and methods, wrote new descriptions and condition reports (in some cases, he had to create entirely new records), and performed light surface cleaning. He completed 90 percent of the task by the time his internship concluded—exceeding the expectations set for his 120 hours. The museum benefited greatly from Hunter's help and we expect him to go on to a successful career in the field.

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HUNTER JOHANSEN COLLECTIONS UNI SPRING 2017

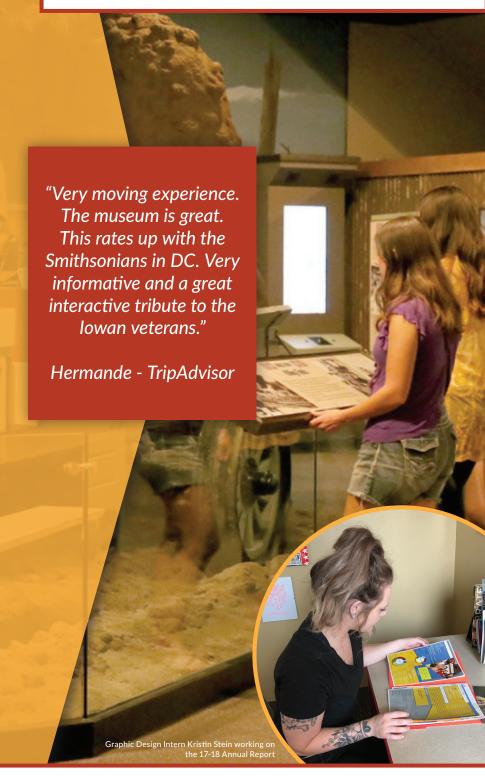
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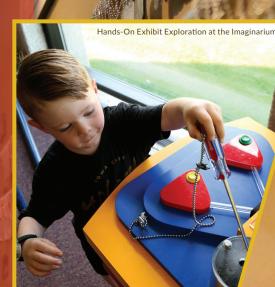
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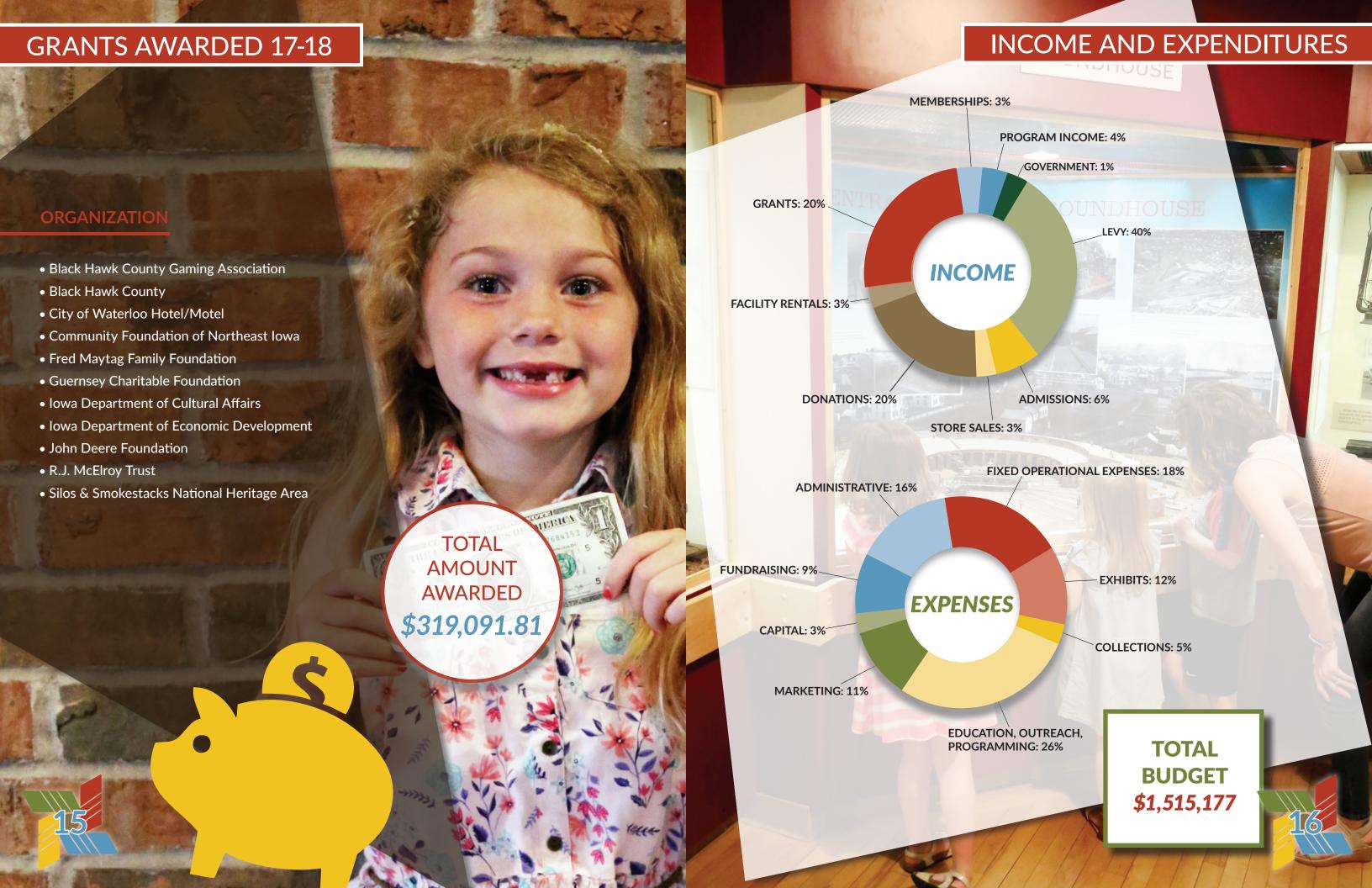
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