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**HILLER  
AVIATION  
MUSEUM**

Our Mission

We use aviation as a gateway for people to embrace adventure and innovation while using tools of science to explore how the physical world works and how the dream of flight is made into reality.

Highlights of the Past Year

From July 2012 through June 2013, the museum made exciting progress in implementing visitor experience improvements. The planned acquisition of a large, iconic aircraft to serve as a gallery centerpiece was realized through the donation to the museum by Reid Dennis of a beautiful 1958 Grumman HU-16 Albatross. **The arrival of the Albatross is one of the first, highly visible gallery improvements to be accomplished according to our Master Plan.**

The 2012-2013 fiscal year was also packed with school field trips, public events and programs that provided museum visitors from around the Bay Area with inspiring and educational aviation experiences. During twelve months, **93,345 people visited the museum.** About **26,700 visitors, mostly youth, participated in hands-on programs.** We delivered **769 museum tours and science programs** to over **10,423 school children and their adult leaders from 214 different Bay Area schools.** Approximately 10% of these visitors were from low-income classrooms who attended free or at reduced cost. **Over 600 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in 23 badge workshops.**

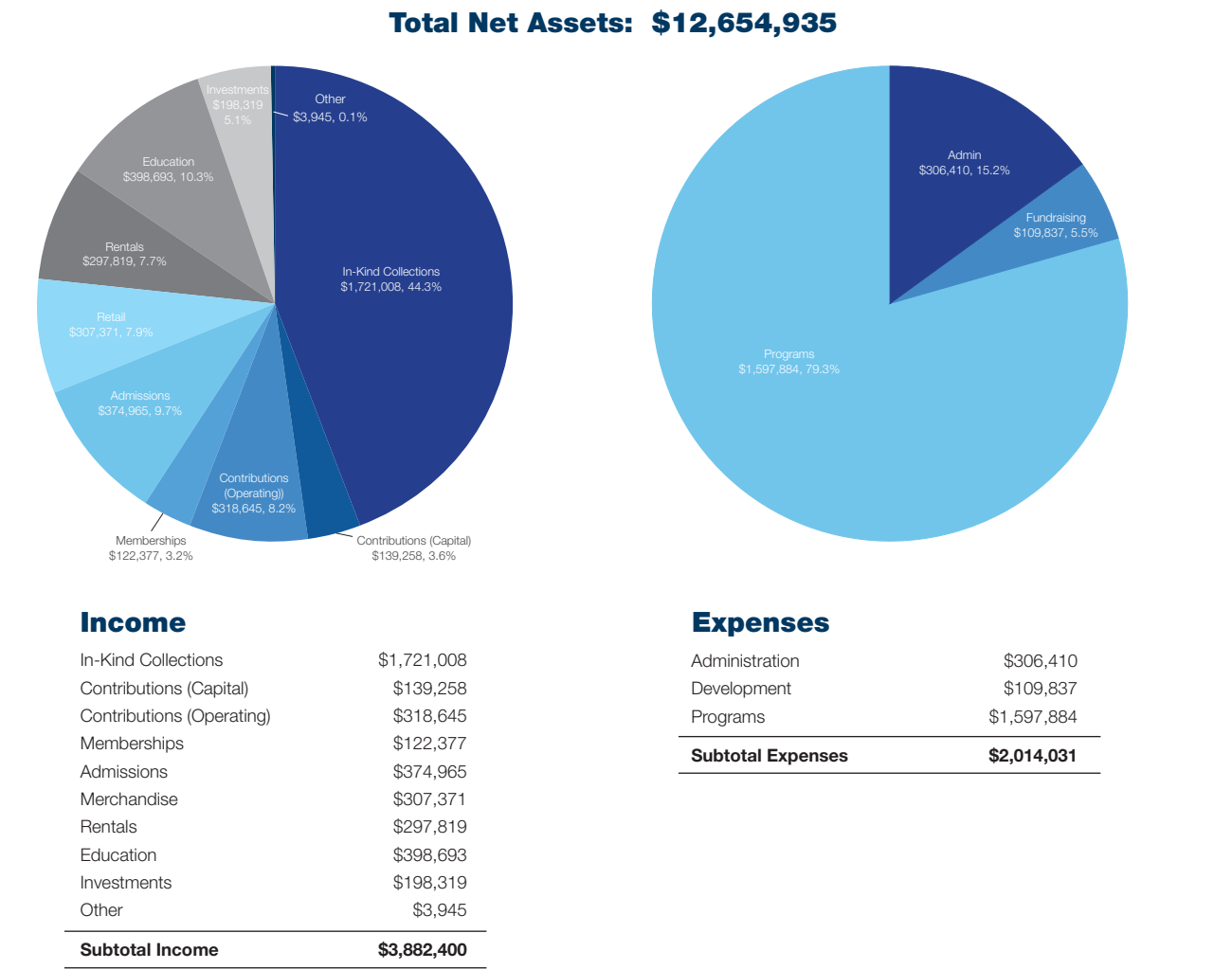


Highlights (continued)

The **Flight Sim Zone was used by 13,244 visitors, including 6,915 public users on weekends** who received at least 30-minutes of simulated flight time with a pilot instructor. **Twelve installments of our popular early-childhood reading program, Soar with Books, were presented** and the museum was visited during two special events by the San Mateo County Book Mobile. Special mid-day programs enhanced the visitor experience including **two appearances by Paper Airplane expert John Collins** and **five visits by “Happy Birds”**. The museum’s newly acquired **Star Lab portable planetarium was used for 19 aviation and astronomy programs**. We presented **15 Home School Monday and “Take Flight” after school programs**.

Special Events included the Kid’s Air Faire, Model Trains, Yak Attack, Open Cockpit Days, Autogiro Day, Smithsonian Magazine Day, Oktoberfest, Halloween Haunted Hangar, Santa Arrives by Helicopter, Women in Aviation, Easter Bunny Arrives by Helicopter, Seaplane Adventure, Fighter Aces Symposium, Seaplane Invention Challenge, San Carlos Airport Day, Inventor’s Workshop and nine lecture presentations by aviation experts. The museum hosted two major fundraising events, the “Romance of Aviation” Gala Benefit and our 5th annual Invitational Golf Tournament.

The Hiller Aviation Museum continues to thrive and serve the Bay Area as an inspiring resource for aviation experiences and STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education.



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