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FISCAL YEAR 2018
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

REVENUE & SUPPORT

- CONTRIBUTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & FUNDRAISING $5,004,000
- ADMISSIONS $6,240,000
- CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT $1,693,000
- OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS $892,000
- OTHER EARNED REVENUE $2,972,000

TOTAL: $16,801,000

EXPENSES

- GUEST EXPERIENCE, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION $13,471,000
- SCIENCE & RESEARCH $1,937,000
- COLLECTIONS & CURATORIAL $504,000
- DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP $1,328,000
- FUNDRAISING $490,000
- GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION $1,956,000

TOTAL: $19,686,000
The Adler connects people all over the world to our Universe and to each other. When we look up together, we step forward together—here on Earth and out among the stars.

Your support makes it possible. Keep looking up with us in 2019!

JAN 18: Imagine the Moon Sky Show Premiere
JAN 20: Total Lunar Eclipse Event
JULY 20: Apollo 11 50th Anniversary

The mission of the Adler Planetarium is to inspire exploration and understanding of our Universe.

Please visit adlerplanetarium.org/financials for fiscal 2018 audited financials