

Sciencenter executive director retiring

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Sciencenter Executive Director Charlie Trautmann plans to retire from the organization in spring 2017, a news release said.

Trautmann has worked at the Sciencenter for 25 years, shepherding the science museum from a tiny, all-volunteer storefront to a learning destination that draws more than 100,000 guests annually, a news release said.

Under Trautmann's leadership, the Sciencenter expanded its audience from children ages 5 to 11 to include programming for children from 0 to 5 and 11 to 14 years old, according to the news release.

Trautmann also worked to increase museum access for low-income families. Last year, more than 12,000 children and adults visited the Sciencenter with free or reduced-cost admissions through access programs.

“As a father, I have seen the transformative impact the Sciencenter has had on my daughter,” Sciencenter Board of Trustees Chair Greg Galvin said in a news release. “This organization has been so fortunate to have had Charlie’s incredible leadership, taking it from a small storefront to a world-renown organization at the forefront of its field.”

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