



# 2009 Thanksgiving Point Annual Report



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Covering more than 300 acres and offering a wide range of life-enhancing and enriching experiences, Thanksgiving Point inspires children, adults, and our community at-large to explore the world around them.

We introduce families to the traditions of the Highlands during the annual Scottish Festival, teach preteens about nutrition, horticulture, and entrepreneurial spirit with our Junior Master Gardener program, and offer a respite from the busy world at Thanksgiving Point Gardens. We partner with outstanding organizations and companies to form vibrant programmatic offerings and build an engaged and curious citizen. Field trips on scholarship, discounts like \$2 Tuesdays, and special programs attract diverse audiences who gather to explore a wide range of possibilities.

From our opening day in 1995, Thanksgiving Point has worked to invigorate the cultural and civic life of the Wasatch Front region and beyond. Each year, Thanksgiving Point generates an estimated \$17 million in annual spending, \$390,000 sales tax revenue, and supports over 300 jobs.

There have been challenges too, from developing the infrastructure to manage our offerings and market our new programming, to scheduling events that balance old favorites with new experiences. Still, more than 60% of our budget was covered by earned income last year, and we are on track to continue this percentage of earned revenue next year, a remarkable achievement among nonprofit organizations nationwide. Over 5,500 donors have joined with us to make Thanksgiving Point an overwhelming success.

Thanksgiving Point brings the world to Utah: innovative exhibitions, unique educational programs, eager students, curious visitors and anyone looking to be inspired and entertained. Thanks to the support of our donors, Thanksgiving Point can continue to fulfill its educational, community, and civic mission. Together, we ensure that Thanksgiving Point is the premier cultural gathering place for our community.



Mike L. Washburn  
President and CEO

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## Highlighted Revenue Streams

As a nonprofit organization, Thanksgiving Point is reliant upon many divergent income streams to maintain its programs, exhibits, and offerings. While focused on creating revenue, these income streams are also chosen in the broader context of Thanksgiving Point's mission so as to add to the cultural experiences available to guests.

### *Shopping: Emporium, Emporium Botanica, Emporium Garden*

The Emporium is a 13,000 square foot retail space designed and maintained by a team of talented florists, interior designers, and retail buyers. Its purpose is to showcase a variety of home and personal styles using unique and beautiful products. Also offering cooking instruction, cultural gatherings, and frequent hands-on demonstrations, the Emporium is a place to come to be inspired to create beauty in homes and lives at large.

### *Dining: Harvest Restaurant, Trellis Café, Deli and Bakery, Ice Cream Shop, Expedition Café*

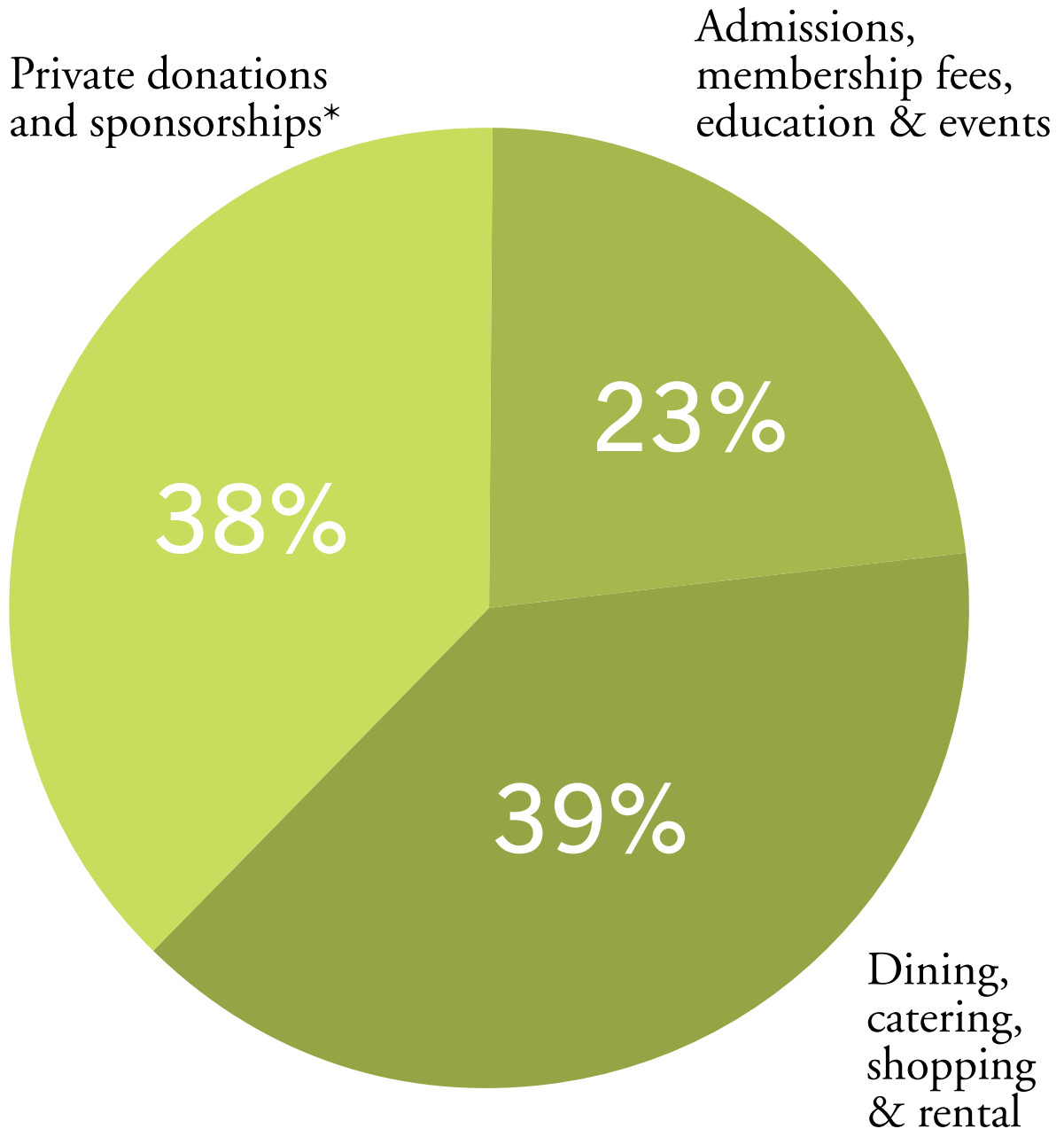
Ranging from quick and casual to artful and elegant, Thanksgiving Point's award-winning restaurants offer something for everyone. From a simple dino-nugget snack at the Expedition Café to a four-course meal at Harvest, you'll experience delicious food at a reasonable price.

### *Golf: Thanksgiving Point Golf Course*

While Thanksgiving Point Golf Course was developed and constructed by Thanksgiving Point, it is managed by Vanguard Golf Management. Thanksgiving Point receives revenue from course operations and Vanguard Golf Management maintains a full-service course, which was recently recognized as Utah's best public course.

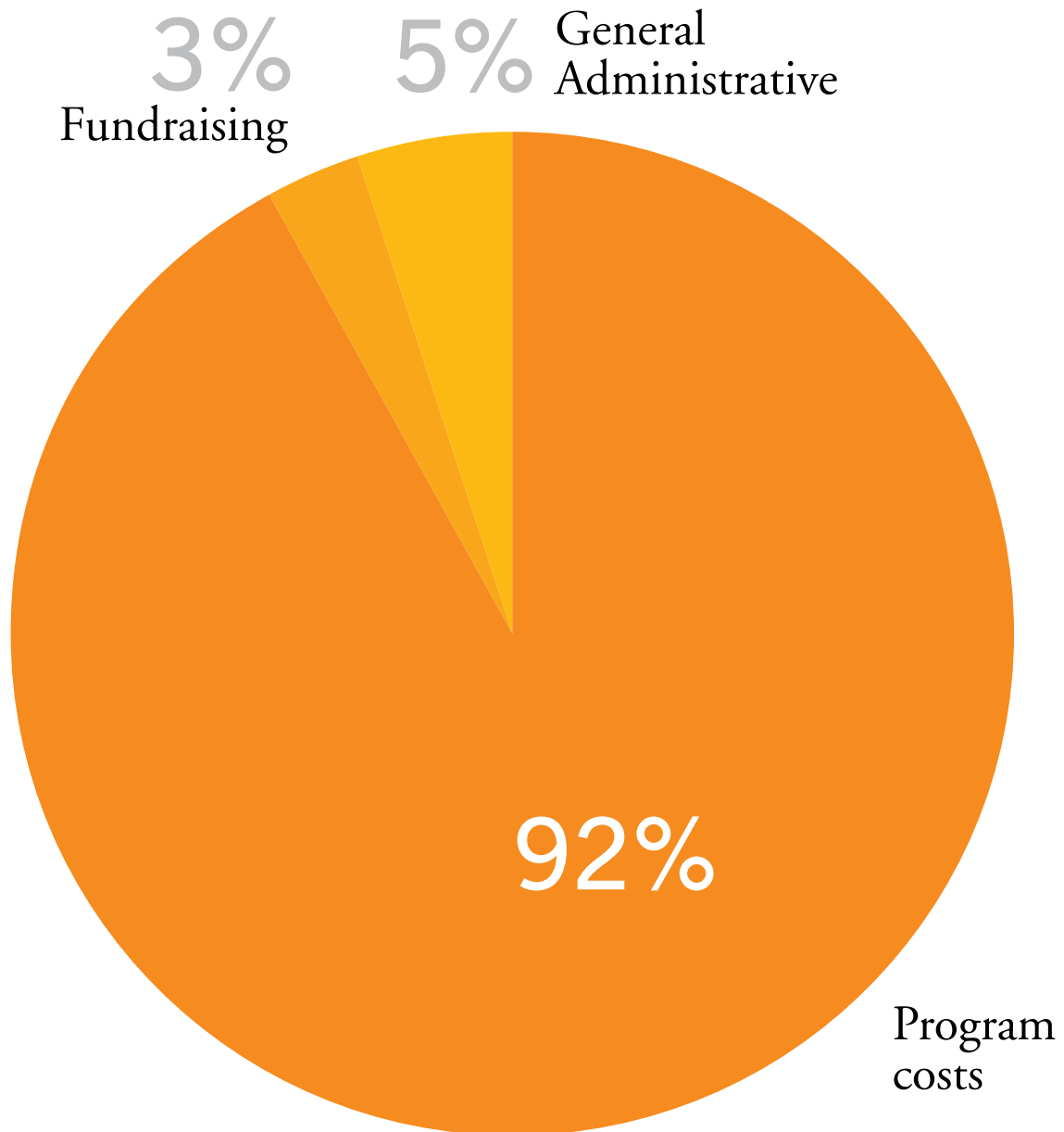


# Income: \$16,257,361



\* Individuals, foundations, corporations and other organizations.  
Excludes Museum of Natural Curiosity capital campaign.

# Expenses: \$16,020,462



## Shelli Gardner

Many people purchase Thanksgiving Point memberships as a cost-saving measure to allow their families to visit and to save money on shopping and dining. While this is a vital part of membership, there is also a large group of people who belong to Thanksgiving Point as a way to support the organization. Members are the life blood of Thanksgiving Point providing financial support, ideas for new programs, and volunteers for events and education.

*Shelli Gardner fell in love with Thanksgiving Point early on. From shopping at the Emporium to visiting the Children's Discovery Garden with her grandchildren, she can often be found relaxing at Thanksgiving Point with friends and family.*

*Why did you initially purchase a Thanksgiving Point membership?*

We love the Harvest Restaurant—it's one of our favorite places to eat—and we also enjoy the shopping. These things caught our attention when we realized members receive a discount. Then we realized that Thanksgiving Point is a wonderful venue that was close and convenient for us (we live in Alpine) that offers much more: gardens, flowers, the museum, plus a variety of different events (classes, concerts, shows, etc.).

*What is your most memorable experience at Thanksgiving Point?*

We have taken every one of our grandchildren to the Museum of Ancient Life at one point or another, and this "Trip to see the dinosaurs with Grandpa and Grandma" is one of our favorite memories! We enjoy the museum then we eat at the café and buy the child a souvenir from the gift shop.

*Why do you feel Thanksgiving Point is worth supporting?*

We appreciate that Thanksgiving Point offers wholesome family activities and entertainment; it's also a beautiful, peaceful place.



## Member statistics, attendance, demographics, field trips, events, etc.

Members (as of March 1, 2010): 20,639 members, from 16 states including Utah.

Make-up by county: 31% Salt Lake County, 63% Utah County

Top Ten Cities: Lehi, Orem, Provo, Sandy, American Fork, Draper, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, Pleasant Grove, Highland

### Guests

Museum of Ancient Life: 322,510

Gardens: 144,586

Farm Country: 121,816

Overall: 1,534,656

### Field Trips

36,141 students

5,000 scholarships for youth. Thank you, Zions Bank and individual donors.

### Public Events

207,413 guests

### Volunteers

672 volunteers

17,468 hours

### Adult Education

4,872 attended horticultural and cooking classes



## Soil to Market, Nature Explore Classroom

### From Soil to Market

*Partners: Utah State Department of Agriculture and Food, USU Extension*

Where does our food come from? “Soil to Market” answers that question by interactively demonstrating the journey of food from its humble beginnings all the way to our tummies. Developed by Thanksgiving Point’s exhibition team and in collaboration with Utah State University Extension 4-H and the Department of Agriculture, the experience was designed with today’s agricultural landscape in mind and focused on the needs of Utah youth.

“The Dirt on Soil” offers a worms-eye view of the soil by inviting children to travel through a tunnel where they pretend to be a worm. A “worm farm” shows live worms in action, creating tunnels in the soil. “The Dirt on Soil” is completed with a mural depicting farm fields and soil conservation practices used by American farmers.

The “Good Bugs, Bad Bugs” display allows guests to discover the role of insects on the farm. Through two large-format interactive video kiosks, guests learn about 14 fourteen types of bugs found on the farm.

The “Hide ‘N Find Farm” is an engaging experience to take fruits and vegetables on the journey to the market. Guests plant and harvest 24 varieties of fruits and vegetables grown in Utah.

Lastly, “The Market” caps the agricultural experience with a replica of a Farmer’s Market. At “The Market” guests shop and learn about items of their choosing. “The Market” also includes a “200-Calorie Gallery” that shows the caloric value of fruits and vegetables vs. unhealthy snacks and treats.

### Nature Explore Classroom

*Partner: Walmart Foundation, International Paper Foundation, Utah State University Extension*

The Nature Explore Classroom is a perfect conduit for children’s imaginations. They learn about the environment while crawling through timber logs, hosting a fairy princess tea parties with tree cookies, or pretending to soar like an eagle on the outdoor stage.

The exhibition has been certified as a Nature Explore Classroom by the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. This is the first such classroom certified in Utah and the 56th in the nation. The Nature Explore Classroom will help build a new generation of citizens committed to preserving and protecting the environment.



## Junior Master Gardener: Laura Martin

*Partner: Lynette Loveland Family*

For two years, 14 year-old Saratoga Springs resident Laura Martin has been a participant in Junior Master Gardeners, a national youth education program focused on teaching kids about earth science, agriculture, and healthy lifestyle choices. Laura's taken such an active role in the group that she took over the club's scrapbook for the 2009 year. She took a second from her busy schedule to answer a few questions about her experiences at Thanksgiving Point.

*What got you started taking classes at Thanksgiving Point?*

I started taking classes at Thanksgiving Point because it was an opportunity to do something productive and relaxing during the summer that was fun and worthwhile.

*What is your favorite thing about Junior Master Gardeners?*

My favorite thing about Junior Master Gardeners is planting new things that I have never planted before, the crafts which we create, trying the new foods and learning how to make them, and also helping others learn.

*What is the biggest thing you learned in Junior Master Gardeners?*

Some of the biggest things that I learned were how to plant and harvest different types of plants, and also the types of plants that grow here in Utah, and what kind of environment that they need to grow.

*Would you suggest other kids do Junior Master Gardeners? Why or why not?*

Yes, I would. Junior Master Gardeners is a fun way to learn, it is also a good way to meet and get to know other kids who are interested in the same things that you are.



## 4-H Growing Leaders Club

*Partners: MonaVie, individual donors*

Thanksgiving Point launched Growing Leaders in 2008 to provide an opportunity to hone leadership skills, engage with museums, and mentor younger children. As the future leaders of our communities, the development and progression of teenagers is extremely important. Thanksgiving Point hosts the Growing Leaders program to provide teenagers with opportunities to develop leadership and life skills.

In 2009, program participation doubled from its inaugural year to include 35 teens. As Growing Leaders, teenagers volunteer their time at Thanksgiving Point and help select, design, implement, and evaluate Thanksgiving Point's youth education programs that serve more than 1,000 children each year.

As teens volunteer and achieve certain time-based milestones they receive program incentives. However, life skill incentives are more than just rewards; they bring the program full circle by continuing teens' personal and career development. For example, instead of receiving video games or an iPod for volunteering a certain number of hours, teens earn rewards like photography lessons, ski instruction, or driving lessons. Thanksgiving Point tailors the rewards to each teen's individual interests, which provides them greater motivation to participate and succeed.

## Summer Day Camp Adventures

*Partners: JPMorgan Chase, Salt Lake City School District, individual donors*

Summer Day Camp Adventures, developed specifically for Salt Lake City School District students, provided transformational educational experiences. They taught the basics of science, artistic principles, fundamentals of technology, the stories behind popular literature, and much more. The camps brought classroom lessons to life and enhanced children's learning experience while they were out of school.

Research shows that many children who grow up in cities or who come from low-income families are more likely to believe that food products come from grocery stores and not farms or factories. The Thanksgiving Point experience helped explain the origins of food while teaching about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.

JPMorgan Chase funding supported Summer Day Camp Adventures for underprivileged students from the Salt Lake City School District. Nearly 1,000 Utah children attended 60 Summer Day Camp Adventures. One hundred and fifty of those children were from Salt Lake City's most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods and schools.



## Gardening Education

Thanksgiving Point is a Utah State University 4-H Extension office. Thanksgiving Point Gardens offers a variety of courses for gardening education through this office from advanced landscape planning techniques to beginning square foot gardening. Many of these classes are taught by volunteer Master Gardeners, who also give guided tours to guests, answer community gardening questions and review landscape plans.

In 2009, Master Gardeners donated 1,410 hours in teaching and service at Thanksgiving Point and 868 hours off-site at community beautification meetings, working to certify Tree City USA cities with the Arbor Day Foundation, and working in community gardens and projects. They also donated 1,057 hours developing materials and working on class projects. The total amount of time donated by Master Gardeners is 3,335, a monetary value of \$58,362.

## Culinary Education

The Emporium Kitchen at Thanksgiving Point hosts everyone from children learning to make healthy pizzas to aspiring exotic chefs learning advanced Indian recipes.

In 2009, the Emporium Kitchen includes three published cookbook authors on staff. A sushi series was added to the curriculum as well as a French cooking series taught by a classically trained Cordon Bleu graduate.



## **Tulips Journey North**

*Partners: R. Harold Burton Foundation, individual donors, Salt Lake City School District*

Tulips Journey North is a unique program teaching students Earth science and engaging youth citizen scientists. Throughout the school year, students watch the emergence of tulips across the world. Students log onto the Tulips Journey North Web site they see how and when seasonal differences affect tulip growth around the planet.

During the 2009—2010 school year Thanksgiving Point successfully expanded the Tulips Journey North outreach program, planting tulips at 33 schools impacting 4,034 students. The program began in the fall as Thanksgiving Point outreach coordinators traveled to the schools and helped students plant tulips. The students planted Red Emperor tulips outside and Paperwhite Narcissus bulbs in their classroom. During the site visits, outreach coordinators taught students about the basics of flower growth and development.

Participating schools were able to complete their Tulips Journey North experience with a free field trip to Thanksgiving Point Garden's Tulip Festival.

## **The Fairchild Challenge**

*Partners: Union Pacific Foundation, Central Utah Water Conservancy District*

The Fairchild Challenge is a free, multidisciplinary environmental competition open to all Utah high school students. The program fosters interest in the environment by encouraging students to appreciate the beauty and value of nature; develop critical thinking skills; understand the need for biodiversity and conservation; tap community resources; become actively engaged citizens; and recognize that individuals do indeed make a difference.

Participation in the second year of the program increased by 280 percent and student participation tripled. School participation also covered three separate school districts including Alpine, Provo, and Granite.

At the conclusion of The Fairchild Challenge, the highest scoring schools won cash awards for their environmental programs. Students were presented the awards during ceremonies at their schools. The winning schools were:

- First place: Cyprus High School
- Second place: Rockwell Charter High School
- Third place: Taylorsville High School
- Honorable Mention: Walden School of the Liberal Arts

## **Career Exploration Experience**

*Partners: Edwards Lifesciences, Qwest*

Utah's seventh grade core curriculum requires each student to participate in the career and technical education (CTE) program. CTE teaches students life and occupational skills that lead to meaningful employment.

Thanksgiving Point's Career Exploration Experience (CEE) gives thousands of seventh grade students the opportunity to expand on their career and technical education, and learn outside the classroom. During the three-hour field trip, students investigate biotechnology by extracting DNA from a strawberry at Farm Country, discover technology by navigating a GPS course, and they explore paleontology by molding and casting a fossil at the Museum of Ancient Life. The field trip also includes a backstage tour of Thanksgiving Point's working kitchen.

In 2010, Thanksgiving Point launched a new phase of CEE – Green Careers. The new program teaches students about careers in the environment and natural resources. Students spend three hours in Thanksgiving Point Gardens doing interactive experiments like analyzing water samples, measuring tree diameter, and cataloging plant and animal species.

Funding from Edwards Lifesciences supported the Career Exploration program and the creation of Green Careers. It also allowed 165 students to attend field trips on scholarships.

## Lee McCullough

Thanksgiving Point's Board of Advisors is a community-based organization of volunteers who help steer and support the organization. L. S. (Lee) McCullough is the Chairman of Callister Nebeker & McCullough, a Salt Lake law firm specializing in banking, corporate, tax, and commercial law. He has served on Thanksgiving Point's Board of Advisors since 2007 and is a frequent visitor with friends and family.

*How passionate are you about family and community?*

Family and community mean everything to me. I hate politics, but love my community and my family is everything.

*You're a very busy person. What motivates you to volunteer to serve Thanksgiving Point?*

I have known Thanksgiving Point's founders, Alan and Karen Ashton, for many years and I believe they are great examples of what human beings should be and what it means to give back. Thanksgiving Point demonstrates this example by serving the community, family, and values.

*What is Thanksgiving Point's value to the community?*

Thanksgiving Point is one of the few places where advertisements and worldly values are not important, where you can enjoy wonderful exhibits, flower gardens, and more without being hit by worldly concerns. My children and grandkids really enjoy the whole experience of Thanksgiving Point.

*What would you tell someone considering a donation to Thanksgiving Point?*

Donations to Thanksgiving Point help maintain and improve the great experiences available to the community. Communities need a place to gather and enjoy the wonders of nature, world-class museums, and other hands-on exhibits. Corporate, foundation, and individual donations make this possible.



## Community Partner Highlights

### *Coca-Cola*

Thanksgiving Point enjoys support from the Coca-Cola Company. As a result of this agreement, Coca-Cola provides Thanksgiving Point with financial support, marketing support and preferential pricing on their products.

### *Daily Herald*

The Daily Herald is a daily newspaper that covers news and community events in Utah County, focusing on the Provo-Orem metropolitan area in Utah Valley. The Daily Herald provides advertising and promotional support to Thanksgiving Point's many offerings.

### *Meadow Gold*

For 8 years, Meadow Gold Dairies has been a proud sponsor of Thanksgiving Point Farm Country. From providing exhibit materials to offering financial support, marketing support and preferential pricing on their products, Meadow Gold is a great partner.

### *Utah State University*

Utah State University is Thanksgiving Point's educational partner, offering curriculum and staff support. The Extension 4-H program offerings includes a vibrant Master Gardener program, youth programs including scout merit badges, and programmatic input.

### *Zions Bank*

Utah's first chartered savings bank and trust company, Zions Bank, is a proud supporter of Thanksgiving Point. Providing field trip scholarships to underprivileged students, developing promotional partnerships, and offering financial support, Zions Bank is an important partner.

## Fundraising Event Highlights

Each year, Thanksgiving Point hosts events to raise money for field trip scholarships, youth education programming, and property improvements. Two of these premier events are the Discovery Cup Dinner and Golf Tournament and the Ladies Curiosity Golf Challenge. Despite a difficult economic climate, both events were able to raise funds for vital programs and community offerings.

### *Discovery Cup Golf Challenge and Dinner August 6, 7, 2009*

A dinner hosted in the Thanksgiving Point Gardens entertained hundreds of guests who bid on silent and live auction items ranging from fabulous donated vacations to a weather station for the Junior Master Gardeners Club. Raised \$255,082

### *Ladies Curiosity Golf Challenge August*

A women-only golf tournament benefitting the planned Museum of Natural Curiosity, the inaugural Ladies Curiosity Golf Challenge included 28 foursomes. Raised \$15,851



## Thanksgiving Point Institute 2009–2010 Donors

The following donors gave generously to help Thanksgiving Point deliver life-changing experiences to the community. We thank these corporations, foundations, and individuals for their valuable support.

As a 501(c)(3) charity, donations to Thanksgiving Point are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

### \$100,000 and above

Anonymous (2)  
John and Heidi Pestana

### \$99,999–\$50,000

Brent and Cheri Andrus  
Utah Office of Tourism  
United States Department  
of Agriculture

### \$49,999–\$10,000

Anonymous (1)  
Beesmark Investments  
Concours d'Elegance  
esnet group  
Foundation for  
American West  
Huntsman-Gay  
Global Capital  
John and Ann Lewis  
Lynette Loveland  
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Meadow Gold  
Oakdell Egg Farms  
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School District  
Lanny & Carla Smith  
Swire Coca-Cola  
Tetris  
Unicity  
Jack and Mary Lois  
Wheatley  
Xango  
Zions Bank

### \$9,999–\$5,000

Agel  
American Express  
Bruce Baird  
Big-D Construction  
Bonneville International  
R. Harold Burton  
Foundation  
Evan & Tamra Bybee  
CBIZ

Callister, Nebeker  
& McCullough  
Central Utah Water  
Conservancy District  
Coverstar LLC  
Edwards Life Sciences  
Employer Solutions Group  
FFKR Architects  
Gardner Foundation  
The Markers Club  
Latham International, Inc  
Larry H. Miller Dealerships  
Moreton & Company  
Okland Construction  
Thanksgiving Park  
U.S. Foodservice  
Utah Sports Commission  
Utah State  
University Extension  
Utah Water  
Conservancy District

### \$1,000–\$4,999

Acentra Memory Keepers  
Allied Waste  
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WGBH  
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### \$250–\$999

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AmerSports  
Robyn Axtell  
Blue Boar Inn  
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Arlene & Michael Conley  
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Deer Valley Resort  
Debra Elstad  
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Hale Center Theater Orem  
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Salt Lake City Convention  
& Visitors Bureau  
San Diego/Kearny  
Mesa Courtyard by Marriott  
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Sand Hollow  
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Sierra West Jewelers  
SkullCandy  
Barb Underhill  
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## Museum of Natural Curiosity Progress

Utah is a place for families. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the state is the youngest in the nation with the largest families. Since 1995, Thanksgiving Point has provided those families with experiences that inspire their minds and renew their spirits. Last year, Thanksgiving Point served more than 1.5 million guests from around the world—many who came as a family unit.

To continue serving the needs of growing families, Thanksgiving Point is adding a new children's museum, The Museum of Natural Curiosity. The world class museum will teach guests about science, health, art and culture, and the environment. The museum's five exhibition areas are:

- **Rainforest:** Sounds of insects, birds, and animals echo throughout Rainforest where activities will exercise children's minds, bodies, and senses. Children can swing through the treetops, weave through a spider's web, and hang as a sloth all while learning about ecosystems, cultures, trade, and healthy lifestyles.
- **Waterworks:** Western landscapes are the focal point for Waterworks, where children learn about water, weather, physics, and geology. Children will explore Waterworks' western landscape through interactive exhibits like wind tunnels, pipe building, and dam creation.
- **Kidopolis:** Kidopolis is a whimsical area where children play grown-up and investigate careers and creativity by building simple machines in a tinkering shop, performing at a theater, caring for (stuffed) animals at an animal hospital, and playing instruments at a music shop.
- **Children's Discovery Garden:** The new Museum will integrate the existing Children's Discovery Garden into its design. The Garden will enhance children's knowledge of the environment through caves where they learn about cave formation, an eco pond where they discover lifecycles, and a Nature Explore classroom where they investigate the outdoors.
- **Traveling Exhibition Gallery:** During the Museum's first three years, the Traveling Exhibition Gallery will be populated with exhibits from the Exploratorium, the country's premier science museum located in San Francisco, California

*Planning and fund raising continues for the project, which will be shovel-ready in April 2010.*

