

SCIENCE ATL

2025 Annual Report

We envision Atlanta as a science city, where people celebrate a shared appreciation for the ways science and technology are fundamental to the health and prosperity of our community. Science ATL's mission is to cultivate an equitable community of lifelong learners across metro Atlanta who are connected and inspired by the wonder of science.

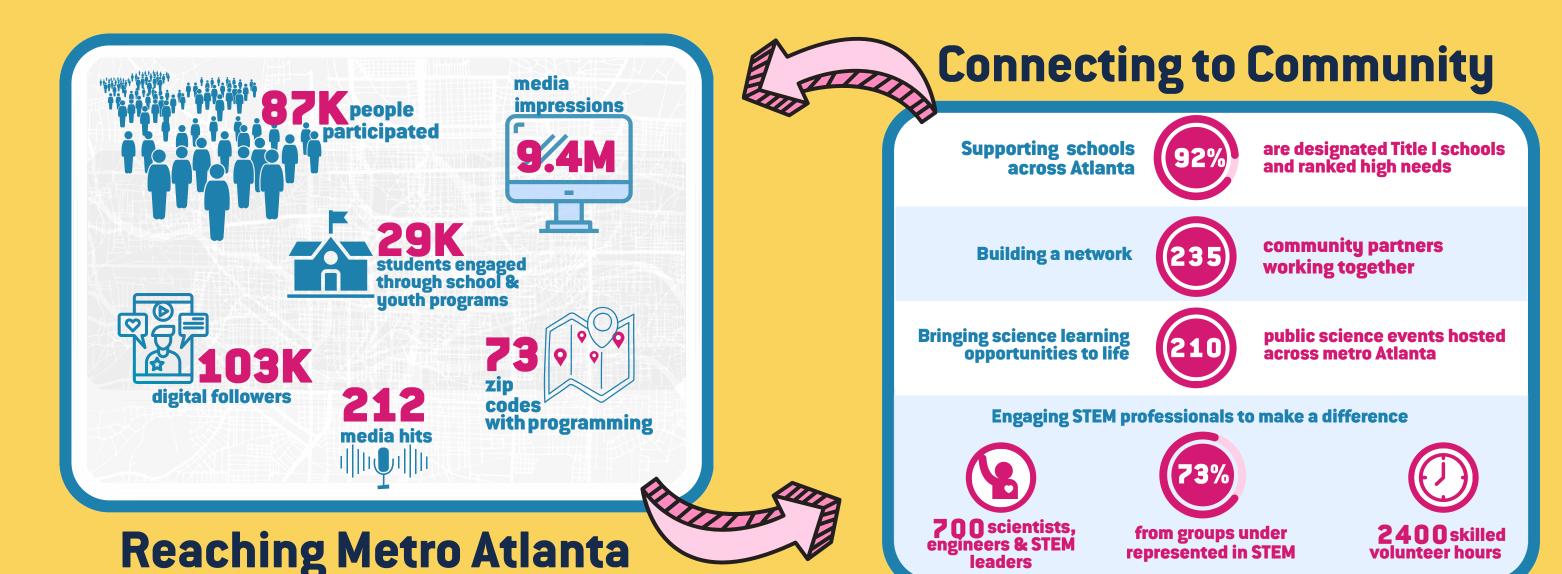




Our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization produces events and community-building activities to improve access to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning opportunities, and to strengthen Atlanta's STEM ecosystem.

This annual report shares our activities and impact from July 2024 through June 2025.

# Bringing people together through the wonder of SCENCE



# **PUBLIC SCIENCE EVENTS**

From bug hunting and star parties to science trivia and the Atlanta Science Festival, Science ATL's public events have highlighted the science in our city throughout the year! This year we hosted more events than ever before, reaching 57,000+ people over the course of more than 200 events, each one as unique as the last. Whether they toured an interactive brain exhibit, engineered a solar lantern, or strolled through our local parks on a Nature Navigators walk, our event attendees left not only with some fun new facts, but also with a sense that science matters in their lives.

THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH FOR LAST NIGHT'S INCREDIBLE PROGRAM - I AM STILL RIDING HIGH FROM THE ABSOLUTE WONDER AND ELATION AND DELIGHT AND SOULFULNESS OF THE EVENING. I FELT SO MOVED AND MY HEART REMAINS SO FULL AFTER HEARING THE STORIES, AND I AM JUST OVER THE MOON FOR THE MAGIC THERE. THE EVENING WAS SUCH A GIFT.

 Event attendee at science storytelling show, the Story Collider





Mathapalooza



Stars, Space Rocks, and Other Out of this World Awesomeness



Celebrate STEAM at Georgia Tech



Nature Journaling



Science Trivia Night



Raspberry Pi Jam

# ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL

FOR YOUNG KIDS, SEEING THEM

We say it every year, but this Festival was our best yet! We made our own rain clouds, learned the art of math, ate up the science of ice cream, explored ecology at our local parks, and capped it all off with Atlanta's Biggest Science Party: the Exploration Expo! Thanks to our network of dedicated partners and enthusiastic attendees, we highlighted that Atlanta really is a science city!!

FOR YOUNG KIDS, SEEING THEM SPARK THEIR CURIOSITY...THEY CAN REALLY PICK THEIR INTERESTS AND HAVE THAT THREAD THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE. I FEEL LIKE IT COULD START HERE!

- Atlanta Science Festival attendee when asked why the Festival was Important





With their passion for science fueling their smiles, 900 incredible volunteers helped curious kids and adults all over metro Atlanta explore science last year. You may have seen our volunteers in K-12 classrooms sharing their career journeys in software engineering, neuroscience, manufacturing, and aeronautics. Or maybe you saw those pops of magenta in March as our amazing pinkshirted volunteers welcomed attendees at the Atlanta Science Festival. With specific roles for STEM professionals to work with teachers and students, and more general roles to make our public events run smoothly, Science ATL offers many opportunities to give back and build a more equitable science community. And along the way, we build community among our volunteers who look forward to our events as an opportunity to connect over a shared love of STEM.

THE BIGGEST THING IS WHEN KIDS REALLY GET EXCITED AND WHILE WALKING AWAY, THEY SAY TO THEIR PARENTS THAT, 'HEY, I WANT TO BE A SCIENTIST.'

 Volunteer at the Atlanta Science Festival when asked about the most valuable part of their volunteer experience



# **SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

This year, Science ATL engaged 18,000 K-12 students across 99 schools, strengthening students' sense of belonging in STEM and opening new pathways to STEM careers especially for students in underserved communities. Our Georgia Chief Science Officer program empowered youth to lead STEM initiatives for their peers: hosting robotics workshops, installing a hydroponics garden, and planning STEAM nights and career days. In school hallways, Our Science Lives Here! project installed poster exhibits featuring local diverse STEM professionals. And the STEM Professional School Partnership program connected classrooms with scientists and engineers, building yearlong partnerships to enrich school STEM programming.



Science Lives Here! school hallway exhibit

SO PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION AND INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEM LEADERS!



Samantha Lanjewar, an Emory grad with her PhD in genetics and molecular biology, first began volunteering in our School and Youth Programs as a STEM Professional volunteer five years ago. Her volunteer service at seven schools across Atlanta has impacted more than 300 students underrepresented in STEM.

Samantha's passion for science continues to inspire the next generation of scientists. Her partner teacher said of the experience "My students have truly enjoyed and learned so much from our collaboration with Dr. Sam! I sincerely appreciate you providing such a unique and valuable experience for our students."



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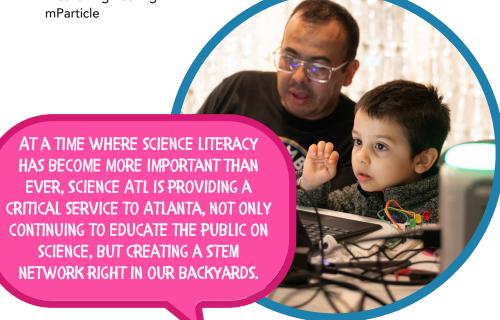
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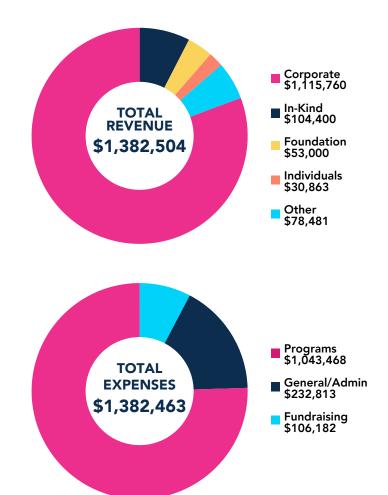
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