



MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE EARNS RENEWED COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Fort Lauderdale, FL (August 29, 2019) – The **Museum of Discovery and Science’s (MODS)** strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency has earned the Museum a renewed 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is Charity Navigator’s highest possible rating and indicates that the Museum adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.

“This four-star rating gives our donors confidence that their contributions are being managed wisely,” said Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS. “The funds we raise allow us to inspire a passion for science and discovery in children and adults through our exhibits, programs and film. Our second consecutive 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability.”

Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that MODS exceeded industry standards and outperforms most charities in the respective area of work. Only 32 percent of the charities that Charity Navigator evaluates have received at least two consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that MODS outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets the Museum apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public.

“The nonprofit sector is advancing and expanding and as our organizations evolve, so do the desires and interests of our supporters,” said Michael Thatcher, president & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Astute donors are yearning for greater accountability, transparency, and for concrete results from us. With more than 1.5 million American charities, Charity Navigator aims to accentuate the work of efficient and transparent organizations. The intent of our work is to provide donors with essential information to give them greater confidence in both the charitable decisions that they make and the nonprofit sector.”

The Museum of Discovery and Science’s rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on charitynavigator.org. More-detailed information about the Museum of Discovery and Science’s rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE: The mission of MODS is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including Citrix, Jet Blue, JM Family Enterprises, Inc. and Wells Fargo.

The Museum of Discovery and Science is open every day of the year including Thanksgiving and Christmas except for one-day in the fall for its annual Gala on October 26, 2019, and one-day in the spring for its annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on March 13, 2020. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum is located downtown at

401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit mods.org.

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ABOUT CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Charity Navigator, charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

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