



## **MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE EARNS A THIRD CONSECUTIVE EXCEPTIONAL 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL (January 6, 2021)** – The **Museum of Discovery and Science’s (MODS)** strong financial management and commitment to accountability and transparency has earned the Museum a third consecutive exceptional [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.

“Being awarded a 4-star rating for a third consecutive year is an honor. It demonstrates our commitment to the public and 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 films.”

Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that MODS exceeded industry standards and outperforms most charities in the respective area of work. Only 25% of the charities evaluated have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that the Museum of Discovery and Science outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets MODS apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

“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](http://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.

To learn more about the Museum of Discovery and Science, please visit [mods.org](http://mods.org).

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**ABOUT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE:**

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today MODS is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films, experiential programs and an aviation-themed Makerspace. MODS currently offers virtual and offsite programs including boredom-busting experiences for children, families and adults - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, awesome avatar tours and private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more. The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit [mods.org](http://mods.org) or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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