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IMPACT REPORT



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SAN DIEGO**

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THE LABRATS MISSION

To make advanced STEM learning accessible, engaging, and exciting for all kids, no matter their zip code.



A message from our leaders

Thanks to your support, we've empowered more young minds through hands-on learning this year. We're very proud of our team and we're excited to continue shaping the future together!

Ryan Merrill - VP/Director of Education
Jason Merrill - Executive Director

A year with unique challenges

This year had its challenges. We lost a key district partner due to budget cuts and had to part with some amazing staff.

Despite this, our commitment to expanding STEM education is stronger than ever. With your support, we're confident for brighter days ahead!

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

>3000

Total children and families served

\$450,000

Total Amount Subsidized for all classes supporting >3000 families

1

NEW STEM Discovery Center



Labrats has expanded all 3 of our education approaches: STEM Center, Mobile Lab, and STEM@Home online education program.

751

Students Served via
our STEM Discovery
Center

7

New labs and Science Stations including 30
microscopes, slime station, rocket
launching pad, and more.

1 to 5

STEM Discovery
Center Days Open
Per Week Growth

9

New Charter School
Partnerships

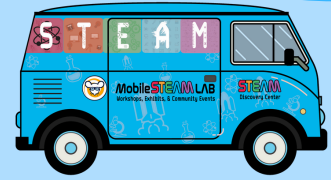


Growth of our digital education including
over 900 subscribers, 136,000 views and
over 100 videos

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Number of High
School Interns

Over **6000** people
reached through social
media and website
interactions



2250

Total students Served
through Mobile Education

1350

Number of students enrolled
in afterschool programs

900

Number of students
enrolled in camps

2

New San Diego School
District partnerships made

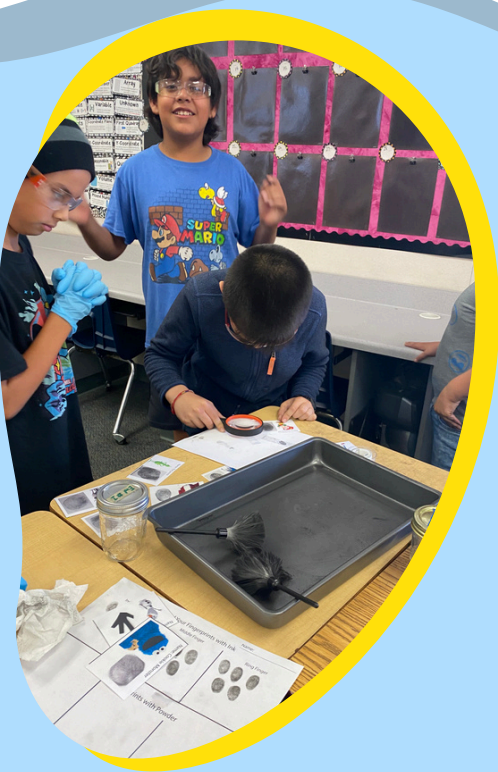
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Award Nominations
Voted Finalists for both awards

- *Social Impact Nonprofit
Charity of the Year*
- *Nonprofit Social Impact
Changemakers of the Year*

THE GROWING NEED

As the demand for skilled STEM workers rises, so does the need for our services. With the continued support of our community, we are committed to fulfilling our mission by providing hands-on STEM educational opportunities to every young mind in San Diego.



WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAYS:

“The staff is very atuned to the childrens interests, they treat them like young scientists, theyre very respectful and the environment is set up so that children are naturally drawn to wanting to tinker ask questions and explore.”

– **Pilar Bewley Retired Teacher and Homeschool parent**

“My daughter was so excited to go to Spring Break camp each morning and couldn't wait to tell me about what she learned. She's a "wait and see" kind of kid and I had no problems dropping her off each morning”

– **South Bay Parent**

“Working with LabRats has doubled in developing my skills as a person and scientist. I've been able to learn how to teach and contribute in a professional environment (and learn how to do my taxes). Between revisiting labs from my childhood, making an impact in every student I meet, and connecting with fellow teachers, I've been able to pass down a love for STEM in ways I never thought possible.”

– **Adora High School Intern**



Thank you to our
community for your
generous support



An education in STEM is nothing
less than the power to transform
the entire world with a single idea.

WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE OUR:

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SPONORS
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TEACHERS
INTERNS
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