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Dear Friends of Explorit,

I'm writing on behalf of our amazing Explorit staff and the Board of Trustees with some very sad news. After 40 years of delivering school programming, hands-on science exhibits and summer camps, **Explorit will pause our programming at the end of May.** Though our goal is to pause temporarily, I write to provide context on how we got here and what we hope to do moving forward. We face many uncertainties in the coming months but one thing I'm sure of is that we will need all of you to navigate the next steps.

At its peak, Explorit was able to deliver much needed school programming across 17 counties around Davis, at the Explorit Science Center and of course deliver our generationally loved summer camps. Shifts in demographics combined with the shutdown during the pandemic meant that Explorit began to rely more on donors to meet our financial needs. With help from recovery funds and the hard work of our staff, we rebuilt our programming and reconnected with many in the community. For over 15 years, we were blessed to have one major donor (who wished to remain anonymous) whose contributions offset increasing costs and decreasing revenues. With the recent loss of this donor, we have struggled to make up the difference. We are grateful that so many of you stepped up to donate when we asked. Thank you sincerely for your support. It allowed us to deliver our scheduled school programming this year, which critically serves our teachers and students in the region.

**We are still accepting donations.** These funds will help us to steward our final school programming this year and will ensure that we have sufficient resources to survive a pause. Please go to our [website](#) to donate or reach out to us to make other arrangements.

We at Explorit believe that our core mission of igniting curiosity through hands-on exploration of science and the natural world is more important than ever, but that it is time to rethink our business model. **Putting Explorit on pause, although painful, represents an opportunity to reimagine a financially stable Explorit** that can help our community revitalize hands-on science education, develop curiosity in our kids and support their engagement with the world of science and technology. We look forward to working with our community to realize these goals.

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