

# San Jose Redevelopment Agency downtown project **fact sheet**



Construction:  
June 1988

Completion:  
Spring 1990

## **Project:** Children's Discovery Museum

**Description:** Designed by architect Ricardo Legoretta, the Children's Discovery Museum has a striking appearance and a prominent location on the landscape of Discovery Meadow in the Guadalupe River Park. In 1997, the building expanded by twenty percent with the addition of its West Wing, and is now 52,000 square feet.

**Location:** 180 Woz Way

**Benefit:** Attracting over 3 million visitors since its 1990 opening, the Children's Discovery Museum was one of the first cultural facilities built to revitalize downtown San Jose. Conveniently located next to Light Rail, the Museum has provided a popular space for families, children, and the community to enjoy.

**Features:**

- Park setting with play area
- Exterior fountains
- Outdoor plaza area
- Cafeteria

**Total Costs:** \$11.5 million  
\$ 8.7 million from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency  
\$ 2.8 from the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

**Project Team:**

Council District:	3
Developer:	San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Architect:	Legoretta Architectos – Mexico City, Mexico
Contractor:	SJ Amoroso
Owner:	City of San Jose