

## Partner SPOTLIGHT

Addressing topics ranging from the Zika virus to the opioid epidemic to drones, and with diverse practice areas like workforce development, energy, environmental sciences and food security, RTI International is an independent nonprofit research institute dedicated to improving the human condition. For nearly 60 years, RTI has been a world leader in turning knowledge into practice to advance a better quality of life for all. Headquartered in Research Triangle Park, with offices on four continents and 5,000+ staff members, the company delivers its unique products to more than 1,100 clients.

Since 2008, RTI has supported the Museum through generous philanthropy, sponsoring exhibits like “Health Explorations,” which demonstrates how modern technologies improve disease prevention, identification and treatment. Executive Vice President and COO Jim Gibson was a leader in the 2014 campaign to raise funds for the Association of Science-Technology Centers conference hosted by the Museum. In 2016, as part of its sponsorship for the featured exhibition “The Secret World Inside You,” RTI scientists designed a module describing the use of metabolomic analysis



James Gibson, Executive VP and COO of RTI International, Media Relations Manager Lisa Bistreich-Wolfe with Dr. Julie Horvath and Dr. Jason Cryan of the Museum at the media preview of “The Secret World Inside You”.

for health assessment and disease diagnosis. Committed to employee engagement and satisfaction, RTI has hosted two family events in which its employees participated in hands-on Museum activities, and RTI recently joined the inaugural class of the Museum’s Corporate Membership program, which includes staff benefits.

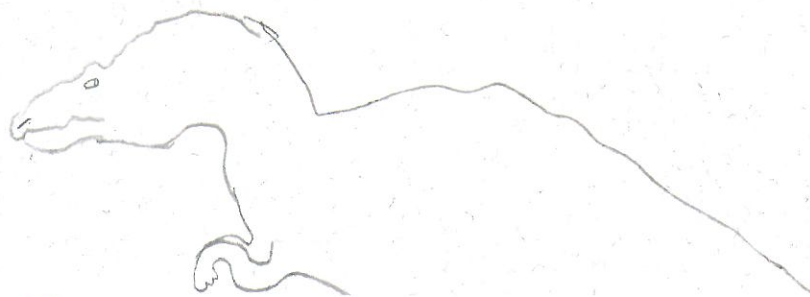
RTI takes seriously its role as a corporate leader. Jim Gibson notes, “RTI’s mission

to help people by turning knowledge into practice with cutting-edge study and analysis blends well with the research conducted at the Museum. We are delighted that our investments in the Museum are having an impact on our employees, the local community and the global village.” Here at the Museum, we could not agree more and are delighted to partner with a prestigious organization whose worldwide influence is so profound.

## Dear ACRO

Earlier this year, during an office paper purge on May 18, Friends’ Executive Director Angela Baker-James came across a time capsule of sorts. An envelope full of handwritten notes collected during a Museum Member Party back on May 18, 1998 — 19 years to the day earlier. The notes were addressed to Acro, short for *Acrocanthosaurus atokensis*, a newly acquired dinosaur that would become a signature specimen of the massively upgraded facility that opened in 2000. A cast of the Acro’s skull was in attendance to give members a preview of what would become the focal point of the “Terror of the South” exhibit. And the heartfelt messages — mostly from kids (judging by the penmanship and liberal use of colored markers) — still resonate ...

Say it - Ak-row-kan-  
tho-sawr-us.



“You are the first dinosaur skeleton I have ever seen.”  
— Love,  
Janna

“I hope you like being out of the dirt. And I hope you like Raleigh.”  
— Cole

“Even though you look scary, I am not afraid. I am actually very excited to meet you.”  
— Your friend  
Suzie

“I am happy that you’re extinct. No hard feelings. I am a fan of you!”  
— Donovan