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- Located in Fayette County, centrally known as the Rural County Museum of Fine Arts
- Mission: To provide an inclusive space for the appreciation of an interdisciplinary and cultural context for the benefit of this and successive generations of Fayette County citizens and the world.
- Public-minded museum encourages scholarship and education, decoding the history and culture of art.
- Operating at a loss for the last three years.

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- Mission: To provide an inclusive space for the appreciation of an interdisciplinary and cultural context for the benefit of this and successive generations of Fannin County citizens and the world.
- Publicly funded museum, encourages scholarship and education, decoding the history and culture of art.
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## Coleman Art Museum

- Based in Fannel County, originally known as the Fannel County Museum of Fine Arts
- Charter "To provide an inviting setting for the appreciation of art in its historical and cultural contexts for the benefit of this and successive generations of Fannel County citizens and visitors"
- Publicly mandated museum- encourages scholarship and education, decoding the history and culture of art
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## Museum Image

- "No image"
- "Only for specific people"
- "Community organization that has a cachet of class"
- City hub

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# Museum Membership

"Museum membership and revenue earned from membership play a significant role in the success and daily operations of the Coleman Art Museum"

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## Membership Categories, Benefits and Costs

- Personal (\$50-5,000) and Corporate (\$1,000-10,000)
- Benefits range from invitations to all special previews and events, free admission to special events and a 15% discount at Skyline Buffet and gift shop given to all members to first views of new acquisitions and dinner with the director for "Director Club" members
- The total number of members had increased from 2002-2004, however fewer members were joining the top tier "Directors Club" resulting in a ~\$50,000 drop in revenue to \$2,298,449 in 2004
- The total cost of benefits provided was \$1,057,800

## Member Recruiting and Renewal

- Museum membership and the revenues earned from membership are needed for the success of the museum
- Members volunteer to help run museum
- Members recruit new members and renewing existing members

## Museum Visitation

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- Increased number of visitors leads to increased membership
- Recruited through:
  - Press Relations
  - Education and Outreach
  - Special Exhibitions
    - Less than 1% of nonmembers applied for membership during a visit



# Considerations for 2005

## Idea 1

- Implement a modest admission fee of \$2 per adult for non-members, children under 12 free

## Idea 3

- Increase institutional advertising

## The Decision

- Implement the admission fees
  - \$2 for each adult, children 12 and under free
- Implement the enhanced benefits for members
  - 20% discount at gift shop and Skyline restaurant
  - Fine artwork book to be distributed to members in the \$500+ tier

## Idea 4

Enhance benefits for members (ex. raise gift shop & restaurant discounts to 20% or make a book of fine artwork to distribute to members in the \$500+ tiers.

## Idea 2

- Implement a student and senior citizen membership tier at \$30 per year

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