

# FLINT HILLS RESOURCES PINE BEND – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**With a focus on science education, public safety, and the environment, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend supports many of the programs and organizations that help make Minnesota a special place to live and work.**

**Flint Hills International Children's Festival.** Since 2001, Flint Hills Resources has sponsored this world-class festival in Saint Paul, which provides children and families the opportunity to experience international puppetry, dance, music, drama, acrobatics and more. Over the past 16 years, the festival has reached more than 770,000 people, inspiring new generations of children across Minnesota.

**Science Museum of Minnesota.** Through a partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota, Flint Hills Resources helps spark students' interest in science. Since 2004, the Pine Bend refinery has sponsored educational programming, interactive Science Museum assemblies and camp-ins for more than 75,000 students from across the state.



**Discovery Scholarships.** Each year Flint Hills Resources grants scholarships to students from local schools. Since 1991, the company has awarded more than \$800,000 in scholarships to more than 425 deserving students from the community.

**Minnesota Zoo.** The Pine Bend refinery partners with the Minnesota Zoo to provide enriching educational opportunities for students, families, and the entire community to experience wildlife at the zoo. A highlight of this partnership is Pine Bend's support of the Zoomobile program, which allows naturalists to travel to schools across the state to teach students about the natural world in unique and entertaining ways.

**Friends of the Mississippi River.** Since 2000, Flint Hills Resources, Friends of the Mississippi River, and Great River Greening have worked together to improve habitat on 700 acres of property owned by Flint Hills Resources in the Pine Bend Bluffs Natural Area along the Mississippi River.



**DARTS Learning Buddies.** Since 1997, Flint Hills Resources has supported the DARTS Learning Buddies program, which brings together older adults and students in kindergarten through fifth grade to share experiences and learn from one another. The program has grown to include 46 participating schools and more than 130 volunteers in Dakota and Scott counties. Approximately 50,000 children have been mentored during an estimated 88,000 hours spent with Learning Buddies. The program celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

**Mutual Aid and First Responder Training.** Each year the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery training facility hosts 250 training sessions for more than 5,000 officers and 50 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Pine Bend also hosts training sessions at the refinery's fire training grounds at no cost to fire departments from across the state. Firefighters from locations where Koch Pipeline Company operate pipelines to as far away as Nebraska where Flint Hills operates ethanol plants attend the training. Additionally, many of these firefighters receive scholarships to attend offsite industrial firefighting training programs.



**FOX 9 Girls, Science and Technology.** Pine Bend has sponsored the FOX 9 Girls, Science and Technology program since 2002. The program engages thousands of girls each year in scientific experiments and introduces them to inspiring women working in science, engineering and technology careers.

**Ducks Unlimited.** Pine Bend has partnered with Ducks Unlimited since 1985 to help protect and restore wildlife habitat in Minnesota. Flint Hills Resources has donated more than \$750,000 to the organization and collaborates on diverse conservation projects throughout the state.

**Carpenter Nature Center.** Flint Hills Resources has supported the Carpenter Nature Center for more than 16 years. Located near the St. Croix River, the nature center has more than 10 miles of hiking trails and an interpretive center, where 7,000-10,000 Minnesota and Wisconsin students visit each year for field trips and hands-on learning experiences that fulfill state science standards.

**The Works Museum.** Flint Hills Resources has partnered with The Works Museum since 2013 to provide children and families with memorable, hands-on learning experiences in science and engineering. Specifically, Flint Hills' partnership with The Works brings family engineering nights to K-12 schools in the Twin Cities. As an employer of hundreds of Minnesota scientists and engineers, Flint Hills aims to inspire the next generation of innovators and problem solvers.