

FLINT HILLS RESOURCES PINE BEND – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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 2000, 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 12 years, the festival has reached nearly 500,000 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 and interactive Science Museum assemblies and camp-ins for thousands of students from across the state.



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. For the past 12 years, Flint Hills Resources has partnered with Friends of the Mississippi River to restore 1,600 acres of natural prairie in an area known as the Pine Bend Bluffs along the Mississippi River.

Girls and Science. Pine Bend has sponsored the Girls and Science program for nine years. 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 \$300,000 to the organization and collaborates on diverse conservation projects throughout the state.

Mutual Aid and First Responder Training. The Pine Bend refinery hosted more than 200 training sessions for law enforcement and public safety officers at its training facility in 2010 alone. Pine Bend hosts training sessions at the refinery's fire training grounds at no cost to fire departments across the state. Additionally, Pine Bend has given scholarships to firefighters from local departments to attend industrial firefighting training programs for the past 22 years.

Discovery Scholarships. Each year Flint Hills Resources grants scholarships to students from local schools. Since 1991, the company has awarded more than \$565,000 in scholarships to 426 deserving students from the community.

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. Over the past 15 years, the program has grown to include 28 schools and almost 90 volunteers.