

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 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 14 years, the festival has reached nearly 590,000 people, inspiring new generations of children across Minnesota. Flint Hills has committed to sponsoring the festival through 2018.

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. Since 2000 Flint Hills Resources has partnered with Friends of the Mississippi River to restore 1,650 acres of natural prairie in an area known as the Pine Bend Bluffs Natural Area along the Mississippi River.

Girls & Science. Pine Bend has sponsored the Girls & Science 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.

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 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 \$700,000 in scholarships to more than 400 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 18 years, the program has grown to include 39 schools and nearly 120 volunteers.

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. In addition to donating a building to the property, Flint Hills has supported important Carpenter Nature Center events like the Apple Blossom Races, the annual gala, and academic programming for students from pre-school to high school.