

Generosity

FHDC's First Naming Opportunity Gift

The Flint Hills Discovery Center's Immersive Experience Theater will soon be known as the Horizon Ranch Flint Hills Immersive Experience Theater. The name change is the result of a generous gift of \$750,000 from Marty Vanier and Bob Krause. Over a five year period, \$500,000 of the gift will be earmarked for the City of Manhattan, \$220,000 will establish a semi-endowment fund for upkeep of the Flint Hills Discovery Center's Immersive Experience Theater, and \$30,000 will support the FHDC Foundation.

Marty and Bob live and work in the Flint Hills and have a long history of philanthropy in supporting numerous community and regional organizations. Their love of the tallgrass prairie and a deep appreciation for its role in shaping Kansas values and underpinning a significant sector of our agricultural history led them to want to encourage others to care as well.

Dr. Marty Vanier is a third generation

Kansas rancher whose sense of place and commitment comes from having been raised on a central Kansas ranch that bred both registered and commercial horned Hereford cattle. Vanier received her B.S. in Agriculture (Animal Science) and her D.V.M. from Kansas State University.

Long involved in community and professional organizations as both a founding member and leader, professionally Dr. Vanier is a member of several veterinary specialty associations and will serve as President of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association in 2015-2016. Having served as director of operations at KSU's National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, Dr. Vanier began new responsibilities in April as senior program manager for strategic partnership development for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) with the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate.

Bob Krause has over 35 years of

experience in key executive leadership positions in higher education and even though he refers to himself as a "transplant," he considers the Flint Hills home. Since retiring in 2009 from KSU with 23 years of service that included Vice President for Institutional Advancement and a stint as Athletic Director, Krause has remained active in consulting with private for-profit, not-for-profit and governmental organizations.

Krause serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of NutriJoy, Inc., serves on the Board of Directors of the Soaring with Eagles Foundation and the Mercy Community Health Foundation. He also serves on the advisory board of the Snyder Leadership Legacy Fellows at the K-State Staley School of Leadership Studies.

Both Marty and Bob feel a responsibility to be good stewards of the land and pass that appreciation of the Flint Hills onto future generations of young people.



MARTY VANIER AND BOB KRAUSE DONATED \$750,000 TO FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER.