

# VISTAS



From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director  
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## Additional Tax Credits Awarded to Next Vista Campaign

Get half of the gift you donate to the Foundation back next year. Yes, with the additional \$57,500 in Kansas Community Service Tax Credits awarded to us last week your donation to the VISTA Campaign results in half of your gift being returned to you in 2023.



If you donate \$5,000 before April 9<sup>th</sup>, \$2,500 will be returned in 2023 to you by the State of Kansas. If you do a \$10,000 gift, \$5,000 will be returned. If you did \$25,000, \$12,500 will be returned – and so on. You can take a charitable deduction on the other 50 percent of your gift. This is a powerful charitable gift tool.

Please contact Lesley White ASAP (785) 748-1275 / [fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com](mailto:fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com) to access the necessary forms and make your contribution as we have to enter these by April 9<sup>th</sup>.



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The children's Prairie Playscape area, on the second-floor mezzanine, is currently closed through Thursday, May 26, 2022, for an exciting and important remodel.

May 27, 2022 will be opening day for the new exhibit!

Although the second-floor mezzanine is closed during construction, there is a temporary area on the third floor for children to play in. We have the Lite-Brite exhibit, along with the dinosaur theater, building toys, crafts, and activities. While it is not the same, we know the wait will be worth it!

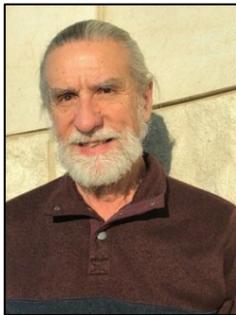
## Grow Green - April 22, 2022

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Please join us Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> as we participate in the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) GROW GREEN MATCH DAY! Your generosity in 2021 secured almost \$20,000 for the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation.



What are the benefits of your GROW GREEN match day gift? Our Youth Education Endowment was founded in 2016. These funds go to the FHDC Education Department to enhance programming and inspire youth to INTERPRET, EXPLORE, and PRESERVE the Flint Hills. Be on the lookout for more information and if you can, please make your donation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>!



## Friend of the Flint Hills - April 9th

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On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 we will be celebrating Bruce Snead, as our 10<sup>th</sup> "Friend of the Flint Hills" at the Manhattan Convention Center in downtown Manhattan, KS.

Bruce has been an integral part of the evolution of the FHDC from its initial development and opening in 2012 through the establishment of the Foundation, where he has served as President since its creation. Along with honoring Bruce, we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Flint Hills Discovery Center, along with recognizing the volunteers.

To learn more about the event or purchase tickets, go to <http://auctria.events/2022FOTFH> or contact Foundation Director, Lesley White, at [fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com](mailto:fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com) or 785-748-1275.

## Ryan Sharp, FHDC Board Member

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Dr. Ryan Sharp is an Associate Professor in the Applied Park Science Lab within the Park Management & Conservation program at Kansas State University. He assists parks and protected area managers from Seychelles, to Aruba, to protected areas all over the United States. Much of Dr. Sharp's work provides managers with tangible and legally defensible data to ensure experiential and ecological resources are maintained for high-quality visitor experiences, while still protecting the integrity of the natural resources. Additionally, his work is focused on improving and developing innovative ways to monitor visitor use impacts to ensure that special protected areas are maintained for future generations.



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