

From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director
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Next Vista Campaign Reaches \$3.1 million

The Next Vista Campaign has raised more than \$2 million for capital and equipment projects and more than \$1 million for programming and endowment in support of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Most recently the Discovery Center opened its new second-floor permanent exhibit, Prairie Playscape as part of this campaign.

We are looking to grow our endowed funds, specifically those focused on educational programming. We have an education fund – Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation Education Endowment – which is a general endowed fund to which you can donate. The board of directors make an annual distribution to fund the Center’s education programs.

Donors may establish a named endowed fund at the Foundation. These funds require a minimum gift of \$20,000, gifted over five years or less to be established. We draft a Donor Agreement that establishes the fund. The donor can focus on an area of benefit for the annual payout from their fund or make the payout general and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. I am happy to discuss these two types of an endowed funds if you are interested in advancing and promoting the Kansas Flint Hills.

Big League Fun: **Now until September 11, 2022**

Come celebrate the game of baseball while engaging children in high-quality learning opportunities with different activities that promote science, technology, engineering, and math education!



Big League Fun combines the excitement of the sport with educational highlights and encourages kids to be active. Get in the game with *Big League Fun*!

Sunflower Summer is also available at the Flint Hills Discovery Center until August 14! What does that mean? Kansas families can visit museums, zoos, historic landmarks and more for free from May 18th through August 14th, including the Discovery Center!

Kansas residents with students enrolled in Pre- kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to access one free ticket per child to 90 Kansas attractions. Guardians can download the Sunflower Summer app for free and create an account. Feel free to ask one of our Guest Service team members for assistance!

