

From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director  
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## Veteran's Day Celebrated!

The Flint Hills Discovery Center welcomed veterans (active duty and retired) and their families including Gold Star families with free admission on November 11<sup>th</sup>. 316 joined us at the Discovery Center. Veterans enjoying time with their families and us made for a special day.

The free admission was made possible by donors and the FHDC Foundation. The Foundation also participated in their first Stand- To Match Day, hosted by Armed Forces Community Foundation. These funds will continue to provide free admission days for all military and their families!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Year End Fund Drive Underway

Your gift to the 2022 year-end appeal is being matched dollar-for-dollar. Thanks to a challenge grant every dollar you gift this month will be matched. A \$50 gift becomes \$100; a \$100 gift becomes \$200; a \$500 gift becomes \$1,000, etc. Make a gift that makes you smile.

Your gift and the match are helping fund our next immersive experience "Stepping into the Prairie" to be constructed on the first floor.



This new immersive experience features a virtual Flint Hills environment in which guests of all ages will be able to interact. The exhibit will feature the sights and sounds of the tallgrass prairie digitally recreated to produce the immersive educational experience.

You can make a donation:

- online by going to [www. Flinthillsdiscovery.org/46/Giving](http://www.Flinthillsdiscovery.org/46/Giving), or if you
- mailing your donation to **FHDC Foundation, 315 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Manhattan, KS 66502.**

Your year-end donation is tax deductible! We hope that you will take a moment and make a charitable gift to benefit our immersive experience.

## Give the Gift of Membership to the Flint Hills Discovery Center

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Place a FHDC membership under the tree this year! A membership to the Discovery Center is a great Christmas present! We encourage you to stop by the Center or go online at [www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/194/Become-a-Member](http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/194/Become-a-Member) and secure your 2023 membership!

Membership includes (1) unlimited access to permanent and temporary exhibits, as well as the Immersive Theater for one full year. (2) Invitations to exclusive events, programs, and event discounts. (3) Monthly Discoveries E-Newsletter and regular updates! (4) A 10% discount in the gift shop, as well reduced or free admission to 340 other ASTC associated museums and science centers across America!

## Upcoming Events

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**12/10/22**      *Breakfast with Santa --- 8:15 am to 12:15 pm*



**12/6/22**      *Preschoolers in the Flint Hills- Slither, Hop and Crawl -- 10:30 am to 11:30 pm*



**12/19/22  
to 12/22/22**      *Discovery Camp- Full STEAM Ahead: Science --- 7:30 am to 5:30 pm*



**12/27/22  
to 12/30/22**      *Discovery Camp- Wonderful Winter --- 7:30 am to 5:30 pm*



**12/31/22**      *Family News Year's Eve Party --- 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm*

- *Registration is required in advance to attend these events! Call 785-587-2726 to reserve your spot!*

## Thanks & Gratitude

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On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors and myself, I want to extend Happy Holidays to all of you! On a personal note this the end of my second year as foundation executive director. It has been professionally and personally rewarding to be a part of this remarkable Kansas landmark and organization. We look forward to seeing you in 2023! (Foundation Board, Bruce Snead, Suzan Barnes, Kent Glasscock, Karen McCulloh, Carlin Murphy, Charles Rice, Joe Carpenter, Jack Lindquist, Roger Lanksbury, Roger Reitz, Ken Wold, Christine Benne, Pat Orazem, Wrenn Pacheco, and Director Lesley White!)



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