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Hess Corporation announces $250,000 grant

Brent Lohnes, North Dakota General Manager for Hess Corporation, announced the company’s support of Gateway to Science in the amount of $250,000.

A $200,000 capital campaign contribution will help develop and sponsor a landmark oil and gas exhibit in the Transforming Energy section of the new science center gallery. Gateway to Science broke ground for its new building in October and work has begun on the site with an anticipated opening date in 2021.

“We greatly appreciate Hess Corporation’s support of the Transforming Energy section in the new science center,” said Executive Director Beth Demke. “Investment by industry is important for Gateway to Science to connect students with career pathways.”

The Gateway to Science on the Go program will receive $50,000 in support from Hess Corporation. The outreach programming brings hands-on STEM activities to schools and community organizations throughout North Dakota and neighboring states. A set of Hess Toy Trucks and STEM education kits will be incorporated into the educational programs.

“Hess is proud to support Gateway to Science, North Dakota’s hands on science center. We know our grant will help promote STEM education, especially in ways that get children and youth thinking about future careers in the science and engineering.” said Lohnes. “The establishment of a new energy exhibit and the development of new STEM programs will be a huge asset to North Dakota and Hess is proud to be able to support these worthwhile initiatives.”

Executive Director Beth Demke, ND General Manager for Hess Corporation Brent Lohnes, Board President Jason Anderson, and Capital Campaign Co-Chair Mikey Hoeven

Board member Doug Zinke, Mikey Hoeven, Beth Demke, and ND State Representative Todd Porter
Spryczynatyk family long-time supporters of Gateway to Science

When Gateway to Science opened in 1994, Dave and Connie Spryczynatyk were there. In fact, Dave was the first president of the Gateway to Science Board of Directors. And when the Capital Campaign for the new science center was launched, the Spryczynatyks were there again as early supporters and leaders of the campaign.

“For me, having a facility like this is all about the future and the kids,” Dave said at the October 7th groundbreaking at the site of the new building, where he was joined by his daughter, Cathryn, son-in-law, Jason Anderson (the current Board President), and two of his grandchildren. “Right here you see three generations of a family that has been a part of the science center since day one. To me it means I’m passing something on to my young grandsons that will be able to help them go into the future even further.”

The Spryczynatyks' Capital Campaign donation of $100,000 will sponsor the conference room in the new Gateway to Science building. They chose this room because both Connie and Dave spent their professional lives bringing people together.

North Dakota dairy farmers sponsor exhibit

The Midwest Dairy Board of Directors invited Gateway to Science to present at their meeting in Bismarck on November 13. Gallery & Exhibits Director Kim Eslinger and Development Director Lesley Icenogle shared an update on the science center and our building project. Midwest Dairy is sponsoring an exhibit in the new gallery about the technology dairy farmers use to monitor the health and comfort of their cows. Thank you, North Dakota dairy farm families, for your commitment to educating young people and the public about the STEM of agriculture.

Gateway to Science Endowment Fund qualifies for ND’s 40% income tax credit

Gateway to Science has established an endowment fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). This permanent resource will support science center operations for years to come. To donate, visit the NDCF donation page. Be sure to include “Gateway to Science” on the memo line of your check or type “Gateway” in the Search box to donate online. The NDCF webpage also has more information on the state tax credit.

2019 Platinum Seal of Transparency
Gateway to Science earned a 2019 Platinum Seal by adding information to our Nonprofit Profile on GuideStar. By sharing these important metrics, we’re helping the sector move beyond simplistic financial ratios to assess nonprofit progress.

We’re proud to have earned a Platinum Seal to share our full and complete story with the world. To reach the highest level of transparency, we added extensive information to our Nonprofit Profile: basic information about our missions, programs, leadership, etc.; indepth financial information; qualitative information about goals, strategies, and vision, and the progress we are making toward our mission. Check out our profile at guidestar.org/Profile/7686060. GuideStar is the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations.

Foundation Center and GuideStar have joined forces to become a new nonprofit called Candid. Learn more at candid.org.

Thank you for your interest and support. For more information, please contact Lesley Icenogle, Director of Development, at 701-258-1975 or lesley@gscience.org.