



A vision for giving

Koch Industries' recent \$1 million donation to relief efforts in Japan was just the latest among many charitable contributions.

From India to Indiana, Koch Industries and Koch companies have a long history of supporting their communities and worthy causes in a variety of ways.

What each donation has in common is a thoughtful, deliberate process that reflects a vision and strategy for enhancing communities.

Focus areas

"We have a very cohesive and coordinated approach," said Susan Addington, community relations manager for Koch Companies Public Sector.

"In fact, we apply a decision-making framework to our donations, just like any Koch company would when making a business decision."

The millions of dollars in charitable contributions made by Koch companies every year are intentionally focused on education, the environment and at-risk youth. Cultural, human services-related and other civic projects are also supported.

"Our overall vision is to help transform lives for the better," Addington said. "In keeping with our MBM® philosophy, we also look for organizations that are willing to experiment and drive change."

Getting schooled

Koch-supported foundations have provided thousands of scholarships and funding for at least 174 colleges and universities.

One of Flint Hills Resources' largest contributions is to the Science Museum of Minnesota, funding its popular "Camp-In" program, which serves more than 1,000 students from across the state.

"Students get the chance to actually spend the night in the museum," explained Jake Reint, director of public affairs for Koch Companies Public Sector. "Most kids think it's pretty cool to sleep next to a dinosaur."

In Texas, FHR's Summer Connections partnership with Del Mar College and the Corpus Christi Independent School District is now in its fifth year. That program promotes reading skills and vocational opportunities for at-risk youth.

Koch Industries sponsors the Kansas Science Olympiad for more than 1,000 middle and high school students. Koch foundations have also funded numerous continuing education programs for hundreds of Kansas teachers.

Best of both

Several Koch-funded programs combine an emphasis on education with the environment.

Georgia-Pacific, a major sponsor of the Georgia Aquarium, also sponsors Water Ways, an outdoor program to help elementary school students understand how water is used and the importance of water conservation.

In Corpus Christi, FHR set aside 130 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands to give thousands of schoolchildren

a chance to learn about wetland ecology and wildlife management. INVISTA has a similar program at its Victoria, Texas, site.

In Kansas, KII just announced a series of Green Schools Grants for K-12 schools to fund innovative and effective projects that help improve the environment, make schools a healthier place and reduce the use of natural resources.

Shared values

Even before it became a Koch company in 2005, Georgia-Pacific's charitable investments were quite similar to those of Koch Industries.

GP's Atlanta home office has a long association with Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and student mentoring programs in local schools, as does Koch's headquarters in Wichita.

One of GP's newest success stories is the Youth Entrepreneurs™ program in Atlanta, which has found a vibrant home in that city's public high schools. (See story, page 7.)

Other Koch companies, large and small, are also making thoughtful, strategic contributions around the world.

"When you add it all up, we have touched hundreds of thousands if not millions of lives," concluded Meredith Olson, business manager for Koch Companies Public Sector.

"But Koch's biggest contribution of all is in providing nearly 70,000 good jobs that supply products and services that make people's lives better."