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Flint Hills Resources is "Friend of DARTS" award recipient for 2003

Annually, DARTS confers the "Friend of DARTS Award" in appreciation of an individual or organization that has contributed significantly to DARTS' success. <u>The 2003 award recipient is Flint Hills Resources</u>, <u>Pine Bend Refinery operations</u>, <u>Rosemount</u>, <u>Minn</u>. The award will be presented to Jeff Wilkes, VP Minnesota Operations, at DARTS' annual meeting on May 21.

DARTS and Flint Hills Resources have been community partners since 1990. Yearly contributions from Flint Hills Resources have supported all DARTS services to Dakota County seniors and their families. In 2000 Flint Hills became a major sponsor of DARTS' Reading Buddies program, which reaches some 3,000 children in 22 elementary schools throughout the county. The company's name and logo appear on a colorful Reading Buddies bus that daily provides rides to seniors and younger adults with disabilities. And since 2001, Flint Hills has sponsored an annual volunteer celebration luncheon for Reading Buddies volunteers. "There's no greater example [than our partnership with Flint Hills Resources] of giving life to DARTS' mission of joining with others to support full participation of all generations in community life," says Dick Graham, DARTS President.

Recipients of the Friend of DARTS award share the recognition of helping DARTS respond to the changing needs of seniors and our community. For more information, contact DARTS at 651/455-1560 or visit www.darts1.org.

Flint Hills Resources, LP, a Wichita, Kansas, based refining and chemicals company, is a leading producer of fuels and other petrochemical and commodity products. The company is wholly owned by Koch Industries.

DARTS (Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors) is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization providing professionally coordinated in-home and transportation services to Dakota County seniors and their families.