



# Highlands Center for Natural History

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*"Our 4th graders at Lincoln Elementary are so lucky to participate in the Highlands Center Habitat program. It provides our students with hands-on, high quality outdoor science education. With the support of the Highlands Center, our 4th graders are becoming a new generation of scientists and naturalists! 4th grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary*

**With support from our members and the larger community, the Highlands Center for Natural History (HCNH) established a specialized educational program, the Schoolyard Habitat Program, which has enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands of students over 17 years.**

Last year's Tax Credit contributions to Lincoln Elementary School allowed us to revitalize an outdoor classroom, replant a native habitat garden and lead interactive lessons with their students.

**In 2022, we will partner with Taylor Hicks Elementary in Prescott.** Taylor Hicks is the only Elementary School in PUSD without a Schoolyard Habitat. The site is currently an open, eroded dirt area, with a single dying elm tree, in front of the main school entrance. It will be the most ambitious and highly visible habitat restoration project ever. Principal Ashley Tetreault shares: *"I am excited that the habitat will be a place where students, staff, families and the community can learn and grow outside. The students will be able to learn the patience and perseverance it requires to plant and maintain a garden, and develop environmental sensitivity through the science of nature."*

**Your tax credit contributions to the Taylor Hicks Elementary Schoolyard Habitat Program will transform this vacant space into a living, growing outdoor classroom and provide up to three years of teacher support/student instruction from our HCNH professional educators.** Arizona tax law permits taxpayers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to **\$200.00** (individual taxpayer) or **\$400.00** (married filing jointly) for contributions to extra-curricular activities in a public school. You do not need to itemize your state-return to participate. **Please lend your support to this program by directing your 2022 Arizona School Tax Credit contribution to the Taylor Hicks Schoolyard Habitat Program.** This is a great way to keep your state tax contributions working here in the quad-city area while supporting a program that aligns with your passions and values.

**Take a moment now to make your contribution and mail it to HCNH using the enclosed envelope and response form.** We will forward your donation to the school and they will provide you with an official receipt for tax purposes. **Or you can contribute directly online at <https://az-prescott-lite.intouchrecepting.com> and use the drop down menus to select the Taylor Hicks, Schoolyard Habitat Donation.** You have until April 15, 2023 to make your gift to qualify for a 2022 tax credit. **However, a gift before the end of 2022 will enable us to restore, replant and upgrade the area this spring and have it transformed by fall 2023!**

Sharing the Wonder,

Dave Irvine  
Executive Director

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