

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center
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**ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATES \$115,000 TO
THE E.O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER FOR ITS
“RECYCLING: TALKING TRASH” PROGRAM**

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization registered as Nokuse Education, Inc., announces that St. Joe Community Foundation will donate \$115,000 to sponsor the Center’s “Recycling: Talking Trash” program. Providing information and tools to make a difference, the “Recycling: Talking Trash” program addresses waste disposal, how and what to recycle, an explanation of the various plastic numbers and how to compost. Information is also provided on how residents can recycle in their own communities.

Christy Scally, Director of the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, said, “We are so honored and thankful to have St. Joe Community Foundation sponsor this program. Educating the public about the importance of and how to recycle is a crucial part of living sustainably and protecting our natural resources. We are excited about working with St. Joe Community Foundation and the potential that this relationship may have in affecting future generations.”

“The St. Joe Company has a long-standing commitment to preserving our natural resources,” says Jorge Gonzalez, St. Joe Community Foundation board member. “The St. Joe Community Foundation’s sponsorship of this recycling program will educate thousands and help protect our environment for generations to come.”

Located in Freeport, Florida, the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center is an educational nature center whose core mission is to educate students and visitors on the importance of biodiversity, promote sustainability and encourage conservation, preservation and restoration of ecosystems. The Center currently serves five schools districts and educated 6,500 students and over 4,000 visitors during 2012.

During 2013, the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center is transferring from a private foundation to a public foundation and now raising financial support has become even more important. For more information about the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, visit www.eowilsoncenter.org.

About the St. Joe Community Foundation

Since its inception, the St. Joe Community Foundation (STJCF) has provided nearly \$17 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. STJCF provides charitable grants toward the civic infrastructure of communities primarily in Bay and Walton Counties. The Foundation’s primary focus is on strengthening education, improving healthcare, protecting the environment and supporting local cultural interests. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit www.stjcf.com.