

Friends of Hopkins—come join us!

The *Friends of Hopkins* is a public support group made up of individuals, businesses, and organizations who know and appreciate the incredible resource we have in this community called the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The Friends group sets a goal each year for its fundraising that is designed to augment other fund development within

Hopkins' parent organization, Forests Forever, Inc. The 2014 *Friends of Hopkins* goal is \$10,000 and by the end of January we are already more than eighty-percent there. This year's campaign launched just before last Thanksgiving.

"We are always impressed and excited by the support the community provides for the Hopkins Demonstration Forest," said Mike Bondi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Forests Forever, Inc. "Our incredible volunteers are the heart and soul of what we can do on the ground. We have amazing corporate, business and agency sponsors that raise about \$100,000 every year to support education

programs at Hopkins and the infrastructure to meet the needs of students and teachers."

The *Friends of Hopkins* provides a place for the public to lend their support, too. Friends contributions begin at \$25, but can go up to any level depending on the wishes of the donor. If you'd like to become a *Friend of Hopkins* contributor for 2014, please contact Forests Forever, Inc. at 503-655-5524 for more information.

"The annual Friends of Hopkins campaign is a great opportunity for all of us," said Bondi. "Like any organization we can do just that much more with any additional funding and volunteer support. Come join us—the best is yet to come! ■

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