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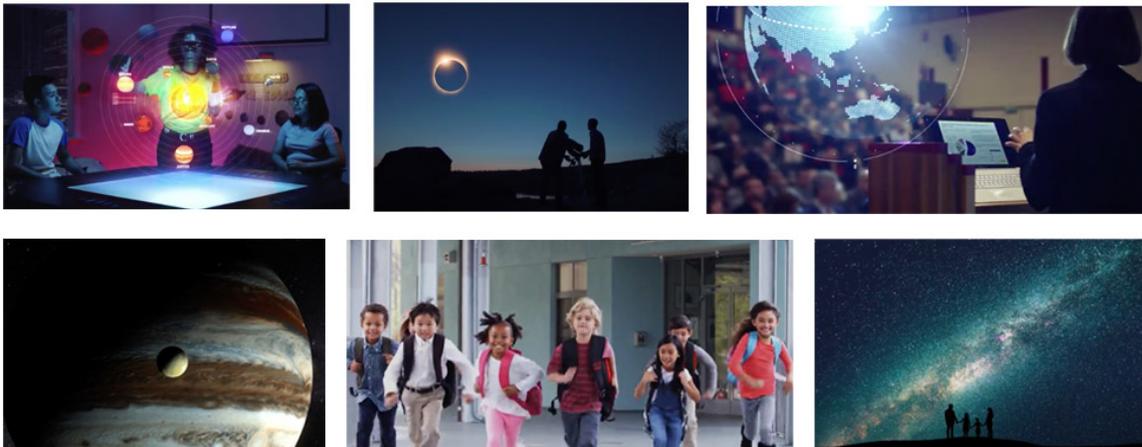


May 9 , 2020

Dear IDSDC Friends,

As I'm sure you suspect, our fundraising efforts have been hampered by COVID-19. However, we expect an eventual return to normalcy and are working hard to prepare for a quick and effective re-launch when the time is right.

One thing in production is a professional 3-minute inspirational video about the IDSDC. We have seen a first cut and it is awesome. The video will be released when we can actively reengage in fundraising and hold meetings in person. Below are just a few screen-captures from the video.



Our Board members are also developing one-minute videos about each of the components of the IDSDC, such as the Dark Sky Observatory, the Hyperspace Planetarium, etc. These will be distributed via social media and we will bring these video clips to your attention after a few of them have been completed.

To keep our entire community informed and excited about this project, a great article titled "Building a Legacy of Dark Skies" was written for Fountain Hills Insider. The next issue of this Town publication,

which is distributed to all Town residents, will be mailed in the next month or so.

The Virtual Dark Sky Festival that was held in place of the planned festival on March 28 was very successful. If you are interested in any of the presentations, the event is still posted on the Fountain Hills Dark Sky Association website [here](#).

For Earth Day, which is celebrated on April 22, we prepared a 3-minute video to have people also appreciate Earth Night. It can be viewed [here](#).

Lastly, the IDSDC is now a qualified non-profit in the AmazonSmile program. If you choose International Dark Sky Discovery Center as your preferred non-profit, an amount equal to .5% of your purchases will be donated to the IDSDC at no cost to you. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> to participate in this program.

Though disappointed by the current challenges, our disappointment pales in comparison to the challenges faced by some. Our hearts and best wishes truly go out to those whose health or livelihoods are affected.

We look forward to the future as we look up to the stars. In the meantime, we hope you stay healthy.

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