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Sky Islands Public High School
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We are a 501 (c) (3) corporation
Tax ID 20.8259579

Friends of Sky Islands ,

Instead of sending your tax dollars to the state's general fund in Phoenix, please direct your tax money this year to improve local educational opportunities at Sky Islands here in Tucson. We are a non-profit public school, and your contribution through the **Arizona Tax Credit Program** directly supports the school's unique integrated curriculum and environmental vision.

We are building our place in the community of sustainable, 'green' organizations in Tucson. Stories about us have appeared on the Green Team at KVOA Channel 4 and KGUN Channel 9, and on the Watershed Management Group's website. We completed garden projects at Craycroft Towers with a PRONeighborhoods' grant. Students built and planted the raised-bed gardens on the east end of the school building and are proud of the school's composting and recycling.

This year we are one of only a few local schools selected to participate in the Jane Goodall Institute's 'Roots & Shoots', an international environmental and humanitarian education program. Our school projects will include designing and installing raptor habitats and an Arizona bottle bill proposal. Additional school projects include creating gardens at Tucson Village Farm, a tour of the UA's solar house, a trip to Double Check Ranch for first-hand sustainable ranching, a weekend in the White Mountains studying the Casa Malpais Archaeological Park and doing service work in Eagar AZ, and hiking Sabino Canyon.

The **Arizona Tax Credit Program** is actually fairly straightforward. You, the taxpayer, donate directly to the school **before December 31, 2009**. When tax time rolls around you claim the tax credit on your Arizona income tax form. The amount donated (**up to \$200 for single taxpayers and \$400 for taxpayers filing jointly**) is then directly subtracted from the total Arizona State taxes you owe. For example, if your tax bill to the State of Arizona is \$650, and you donated \$200 to Sky Islands before December 31, 2009, the amount you will owe the State of Arizona will be \$450.

The bottom line is that with the Arizona Tax Credit Program, you can help Sky Islands... keep your tax dollars here in Tucson...and it costs you nothing!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 382-9210. In addition, you can read more about the Arizona State Tax Credit program at the Arizona Department of Revenue website:
<http://www.azdor.gov/brochure/707.pdf#search=%22arizona%20tax%20credit%22>

Please make checks payable to **Blue Adobe Project/Sky Islands** or visit our website (www.skyislands.org) to make a secure on-line contribution. Checks can be dropped off in person or mailed to the school.

We depend on your continued help and support, and I'm grateful.

Shari Popen, Director

Enclosed is a tax credit contribution for the amount:

_____ Single _____ Joint and/or _____ Additional Donation (federal tax deductible)