



Pamela Grow

Dear Pamela,

Hi Pamela!
Your wisdom, encouragement,
and advice continue to have such
a positive impact on our work. We
can't say thank you enough.
Happy Holidays,
Kathleen

November 2015

THANKS for
your awesome
support, Pamela!
~Hannah

2015 has been an interesting year for Sonoran Desert protection, hasn't it?

On the one hand, the Oracle Road wildlife crossings are ahead of schedule and on track to be completely finished in just a few months. Wildlife like javelinas and desert tortoises are already trying to use the wildlife underpass and deer and badgers have been spotted near the wildlife bridge. **Because of your support, this threatened wildlife linkage will be re-connected and safer for both people and wildlife.**

On the other hand, the results of the November 3rd bond election were extremely disappointing. With your tireless support, we worked hard to champion Proposition 430, which included \$95 million for open space protection. But our efforts were ultimately not enough with the current voting climate and voters rejected all seven bond propositions.

Thank you for being by our side as we celebrate successes and weather challenges together.

The fact is, no matter what, **our Sonoran Desert is still under threat from new and expanding roads, new development, threatened water resources, and climate change.** And, despite any setbacks, we will continue to work hard every day to protect wildlife, connected open spaces, creeks and streams, and all the amazing places that make up the unique and wild Sonoran Desert.

Will you join us today by donating \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, or more? We have once again secured a \$10,000 matching gift from one of our generous donors towards our \$50,000 campaign goal.

This means your gift and its impact will be doubled!

In 2016, we'll be embarking on some exciting new projects. Your gift will support:

- **The launch of a new Wildlife Crossing Stewardship Program to ensure the Oracle Road wildlife crossings are as effective as possible for wildlife.** Trained volunteers will regularly monitor the crossings and we'll be partnering with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to implement a comprehensive post-construction monitoring program.

- **The expansion of our volunteer Wildlife Camera Project to another threatened wildlife linkage between the Tucson and Tortolita Mountains.** Interstate 10 is a formidable barrier to wildlife movement and we need to get started now on collecting wildlife presence and diversity data in this area.
- **Continued advocacy for Pima County's Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, which will protect endangered and vulnerable wildlife species throughout Pima County.** We expect this plan to be finalized in 2016. This will kick off the federal oversight and monitoring of species protection, and we will continue to be involved every step of the way.
- **Developing new strategies for open space protection.** One of our biggest strengths is leveraging the diverse expertise and perspectives of our member groups (35 groups strong!). With your support, we'll be reflecting on the lessons from the bond election and moving forward to craft new strategies for preserving open space.

Although the bond election results were a major setback, we remain focused on implementing our many, diverse projects and moving forward stronger than ever. With your help, we are committed to being resourceful and creative as we continue to tackle the various challenges facing the Sonoran Desert.

Will you join us today in making a generous gift for the future of the Sonoran Desert? A \$10,000 matching gift means you can twice the good with one donation!

One of the biggest joys of our work is getting to know our many dedicated supporters and volunteers. Without you, none of these accomplishments and projects would be possible. Your support truly has a positive impact in our community and we look forward to continuing our work together this next year. **Thank you for your time, your voice, your encouraging emails and conversations, your input, your critiques, and your passion for the Sonoran Desert. Your unwavering commitment is an inspiration.**

Our work would not be possible without your help. With your generous support today, we look forward to another year of working hard, every day, to protect Sonoran Desert wildlife, connected open spaces, wildlife linkages, creeks and streams, and so much more.

For the desert,

Carolyn Campbell
Executive Director

*Pamela, Thanks for all you do,
and for your support! -C.C.*

P.S. Every gift matters, especially yours. The Sonoran Desert remains threatened by new roads and development, climate change, and an ongoing drought. Your donation today will support positive, creative solutions to these many threats. Will you join us today by making a generous gift towards our \$50,000 year-end campaign goal? Due to a \$10,000 matching gift, if you donate today, your donation will go twice as far!

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