



Dear Potential Sponsors and Donors,

This letter is to invite you and your organization or business to participate in our annual Feathered Friends Festival to be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The Festival is held from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Riparian Nature Preserve at Water Ranch, just east of the Southeast Regional Library in Gilbert, on the SE corner of Greenfield and Guadalupe Roads. The festival is attended by approximately 2,000 visitors from the surrounding Gilbert and Phoenix metro areas. Many community volunteers contribute their time and creative talents to providing interactive games, activities, and displays that involve children and adults in learning about Arizona's precious desert and riparian habitats.

#### Goals

Our first goal is to provide a fun and safe venue for community education, promoting appreciation for the living things of the Sonoran desert.

Our second goal is to encourage the community to educate each other through outstanding displays and activities.

A third goal is to keep the festival accessible to the community and our costs low, using any proceeds towards the Riparian Institute's year-round educational programming.

#### Current Needs

Gifts in kind or cash donations for

Shade canopies for activities and exhibitors to protect wildlife, or the elderly and children manning those tables at approximately \$200 each

Table and Chair rentals, at approximately \$500

*Contributors will be noted on signs at the festival and on our web pages.*

Donations to the Riparian Institute, tax ID#86-1018159 are tax deductible. Please feel free to contact me at any time before March 20 to make a donation, or if you have any questions about the festival!

Sincerely,

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