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Dear Friends of Sky Islands,



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*"It takes a village to raise a child...
and it takes a community to raise a child's school." (Shari)*

Sky Islands is a unique high school with a compelling vision—students learn to see themselves as part of the larger community and take responsibility for sustaining that community. We know too that our students are learning to become environmental stewards in ways that matter to them. And to each of us.

Young people need adults in their lives—parents, teachers, members of the community. Sky Islands puts YOU back in the picture! Every student is known and gets individual, personalized attention. We create and sustain strong connections between students, teachers, and families through direct outreach to members of our community.

This is a direct appeal to you.

I know that the word on the street is that charter schools are publicly funded. The TRUTH is that we are publicly UNDER-funded...that support for public education in Arizona is approaching a scandal.

The Arizona State Department of Education has further cut school funding this year by 10% AND simultaneously added to our reporting responsibilities and schooling requirements. I know this comes as no surprise to many of you.

We are asking each of you to remember that, in exchange for what we have been given, we must reach back and pull someone up. These are not just my kids or yours—they are ours. Each of us in the village, however dispersed, bears responsibility for their education and well-being. We have the power to put a better future in front of the next generation.

Please contribute \$100, \$200, \$500...or whatever you are able.

- Cash donation – send a check payable to Sky Islands.
- AZ Tax-credit donation - \$200 for individuals or \$400 for a married couple.

Sky Islands Public High School is governed by the Blue Adobe Project, which is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. By contributing to Sky Islands you become part of a growing network of individuals, businesses, and organizations who have given us the power to continue to do what we do to each day to put a better future in front of all of us.

I personally thank you for keeping the candles burning.

Best regards,

Shari

Dr Shari Popen, Director/ Sky Islands
