

# Wild Friends Testimonials

"WHAT I LEARNED IS THAT YOU CAN USE YOUR VOICE FOR ANYTHING. I CAN MAKE CHANGE ANYWHERE AND YOU CAN HELP ANYBODY WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES."

- 5TH GRADER, MONTE VISTA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"One reason I love bringing Wild Friends into my classroom is it offers us real world, problem-based learning. The final exam is when the students get to go up to the legislature. Students get to see in real time how powerful advocacy and civic engagement are, and how they too have a voice in making change."

- Jennifer Chavez-Miller, Teacher

"What I learned from our Wild Friends project is you have to work hard for what you want because it won't just come to you, but our outdoor classroom was a success and we are getting outdoor classrooms for all of Las Cruces Public Schools."

- 5th Grader, Monte Vista Elementary School

"Wild Friends provides young people the opportunity to learn how to do something positive about the environment. Students hear so many negative things that they can easily have an attitude of "Why bother?". Wild Friends learn that they do have power and control over their futures."

- Debra Loftin, Teacher

"Part of what makes New Mexico so special is our open lands and our wildlife. Wild Friends has recognized that is the future of New Mexico, and that if we lose those things they're gone forever."

- Senator William Soules, Doña Ana County

"Being a part of this memorial makes me feel good, like I've done something that will really help to preserve New Mexico's unique environment for generations to come."

- Maria Russell, Student

"I appreciate the work you are doing to educate students and the larger community about wildlife issues, to teach students about the political process and to promote civic involvement."

- Jeff Bingham, former U.S. Senator



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