## KEEP CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 38 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street NYC, NY 10011

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Wildlife,

It has been a busy year for all involved with Keep Conservation Foundation. The humans have been active mowing, planting and keeping the lands safe and productive for all species dependent on them. The creatures have been busy going about their lives in our special and protected places.

The Foundation had the opportunity as part of the Hudson River Valley Ramble on September 20, 2009 to host visitors from all over the Hudson Valley who came to enjoy the beauty of the Germantown Preserve and to partake in our guided walks to see Bluebirds, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, our resident Eastern Kingbird as well as the many migrating birds such as Yellow and Prairie Warblers who had stopped at the preserve to fuel up for their arduous migration to Central and South America. We and visitors to the preserve enjoyed a beautiful Sunday with brilliant blue sky the perfect backdrop for viewing the Red Tail Hawks and Bald Eagle soaring over the land. Our guests expressed their appreciation for the beauty of the land and the care that has been taken to keep the paths mowed and the fields and woods thriving and aglow with native flowers, trees and bushes showing early autumn color.

We have continued to bring the excitement of learning about the natural world to inner city children who enjoy learning about birds and binoculars in our classroom programs before we take them on field trips to Central Park where they can see the birds we have taught them about in their natural habitats. It is a continuing source of pleasure for the members of the foundation to see the astonished realization of children when they find a bird in the binoculars and realize that they can find the birds and other creatures we have introduced them to in their own neighborhood and parks.

At our annual benefit on June 17, 2009 Mano, the magician, performed his "walk around" magic in celebration of Keep Conservation Foundation's ongoing effort to protect the natural world. Our supporters enjoyed his magic and all of us celebrated the magic that occurs in the natural world each season.

Our preserve in Port Republic, New Jersey has been nominated to be included in the Pine Barrens Nature Trail which has been established to help people enjoy the beauty of this unique and spectacular Pine Barrens habitat. We continue to hold our own and to protect the desert wildlife and vegetation on our beautiful Pamela Kahn Bacca preserve in Maricopa County, Arizona. Each year rampant development creeps up on all sides of the preserve while our land remains natural desert. It is our hope that with this development water will be brought closer and we will be able to use it for water features to enhance habitat on the preserve.

Our work and our need for your help and support continue. The support of every concerned person is vital to the protection of land and the survival of species. Please help us feather their nests to insure that what we have now will be there to be passed on to our children.

Sincerely yours, Linda Atkens, President

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