



FRIENDS OF BAYOU TECHE NWR

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To the President and Staff of the WalMart Foundation:

The Friends of Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge would like to thank you for your generous donation to establish the Coastal Roots Program at Franklin Senior High School. This program, coordinated with the school, LSU Coastal Roots Program and the Friends of Bayou Teche NWR was extremely successful in the first year of its inception thanks to the funding and support we received from your foundation.

We have enclosed a report on the project for you so that you may view some of the lasting benefits your support has given to the students and the refuge. This year we used your funds to begin the program with the purchase of start up equipment. Amazingly, over 900 trees were grown by the students and planted. The funding that was donated was sufficient enough to continue the program year after year. No additional funding is needed to continue this program except for the funding of transportation for students to the future planting site. Next school year, we will continue to work on other projects to acquaint students with the outdoors. Funding these projects is our only obstacle to accomplishing this goal. We also hope that with appropriate funding the Coastal Roots program will continue at the school and we will work diligently to see that this is accomplished.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support and hope that you will consider funding us in the future.

Sincerely,

Donovan Garcia
Friends of BTR Coastal Roots Project Coordinator