

Blue Goose Alliance Bulletin

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A Gentle Reminder About Year-End Gifting

Recently, Noreen Clough, Alliance President, issued a letter regarding year-end contributions. The text of that letter is reproduced below.

I suspect you get "opportunities" to make financial contributions to various organizations at year's end. And, my guess is that most of us do this to one extent or another. In that regard, and with no pressure whatsoever intended, I ask that you consider the Blue Goose Alliance as a recipient of a tax deductible year-end gift, in support of our mission for creation of separate agency status for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

We are a strictly volunteer organization, with no salaries paid and no dues or other requirement for financial support. But, we do have expenses, and as our efforts expand, expenses increase. We have been fortunate. At our founding we received some substantial donations, which we have used very sparingly. Our efforts to obtain grant funds are continuing but have not yet been successful. With the present economy, this avenue is uncertain. So we must rely on the generosity of members and other supporters.

Early next year we will be increasing visibility by participating in major events in Florida and elsewhere. We've had banners designed and printed and will also be reprinting our full color brochure. The initial brochure supply was donated, but reprints will cost about \$1,000. We would also like to develop other appropriate literature and materials to distribute with membership applications at events.

We expect to significantly increase travel for our active outreach efforts on Capitol Hill, in State Congressional offices, and elsewhere. While most travel and related expenses today have been absorbed by officers and members, we simply cannot expect that to go on indefinitely.

If you are able to help with a contribution, I assure you that every effort will be made to use these precious financial resources wisely, as good stewards in our campaign. Contributions can be sent to: Blue Goose Alliance, 1080 Eagle Bluff Ct., Greensboro, GA 30642. Since the Blue Goose Alliance is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your donations are totally tax deductible. Tax receipts will be provided for all contributions. And, if you wish, you may remain anonymous.

We sincerely appreciate any help you can provide.