

DINNER *with* WOLVES

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**A Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience That Can't Be
Bought.... Except For One Night:**

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Sunday, April 6, 2014

*Evening Benefits Defenders of Wildlife and Southwest Wildlife
Conservation Center*



(SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.) - Make your pledge today to safeguard the Mexican gray wolf, one of the most endangered mammals in North America, and cherish a once-in-a-lifetime [***Dinner with Wolves***](#) at the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center on **April 6, 2014** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The evening will benefit Defenders of Wildlife and Arizona's Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center. Guests can drive themselves or ride on the private bus, included in the ticket price, with pick up and drop off at the Montelucia Resort and Spa located at **4949 East Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley, Arizona.**

The intimate evening will begin with a **4:00 p.m.** departure from the Montelucia. Upon arrival and during cocktail hour guests will have the opportunity to take guided tours of Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center and to see the resident Mexican gray wolves. Cocktail hour and tours will be followed by a silent auction, sit-down dinner and presentation by Jamie Rappaport Clark, president and CEO of Defenders of Wildlife. The evening will conclude at approximately **6:30 p.m.** when guests may board the private bus back to the Montelucia.

Mingling mere feet from the wolves' compound, guests attending *Dinner with Wolves* will be up close and personal with several Mexican gray wolves now living at the Southwest Wildlife Conversation Center, along with other animals including bears, mountain lions and leopards.

Dinner with Wolves will introduce guests to the plight and beauty of the Mexican gray wolf, the most endangered wolf in the world. There are only 85 wild Mexican wolves in the entire world and about half of them live in Arizona. Guests will learn how their support can save this special animal within our own state boundaries.

"There are so many misconceptions out there right now about the Mexican gray wolf and we just want to bring awareness about how incredibly close this animal is to extinction and why it's literally hanging on by a paw," said Title Sponsor, Ann Siner, founder and CEO of My Sister's Closet. "We have a chance to save this wolf within our own state boundaries and we want to get everyone involved."

Jamie Rappaport Clark, president and CEO of Defenders of Wildlife confirms that if Mexican gray wolves are going to have the chance to survive in the wild there is indeed a desperate need for a more concentrated recovery effort at both the state and federal levels.

"Mexican gray wolves hold a special place in my heart because I was there at the beginning, when we first started the conservation effort. We have certainly come a long way since then but, I'm disappointed in the Service. We should be a lot further along the path of recovery by now and the Service must focus its energy and resources on implementing a real recovery plan that brings more wolves into the places where they belong," said Rappaport Clark.

Only 88 seats are available for this intimate and rare *Dinner with Wolves* event so reserve your space now. Individual tickets are \$275.00 and can be purchased online at www.dinnerwithwolves.com. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Defenders of Wildlife and Arizona's Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center.

To set-up an interview with Ann Siner please contact Jennifer Parks at **480.495.3806** or by email at Jparks@RoseMoserAllynPR.com. To speak with Jamie Rappaport Clark please contact Courtney Sexton at 202.772.0253 or by email at csexton@defenders.org.



About the Mexican gray wolf

By the late 1970s, the Mexican gray wolf was nearly eradicated from the United States. They, like their gray wolf relatives, were hunted, trapped and slaughtered – until only a handful remained. Mexican gray wolves were listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and captive breeding programs began to jumpstart recovery efforts. In 1998, the first eleven Mexican gray wolves were released back into the wild in an experimental range in Arizona and New Mexico. Today, Mexican gray wolves number only about 85 in the wild, and this single population's survival is still threatened by bureaucratic red tape and the pervasiveness of ill-founded hatred toward these magnanimous creatures.

About Defenders of Wildlife

Defenders of Wildlife is dedicated to the protection of all native animals and plants in their natural communities. With more than 1 million members and activists, Defenders of Wildlife is a leading advocate for innovative solutions to safeguard our wildlife heritage for generations to come. For more information visit www.defenders.org and follow us on Twitter @Defenders.



About Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center

Southwest Wildlife rescues and rehabilitates wildlife that has been injured, displaced, and orphaned. Once rehabilitated, they are returned to the wild. Wildlife education includes advice on living with wildlife and the importance of native wildlife to healthy ecosystems. Educational and humane

scientific research opportunities are offered in the field of conservation medicine. Sanctuary is provided to animals that cannot be released back to the wild.

About Eco-Chic Consignment:

Eco-Chic Consignments, Inc. is a family of three high-end designer consignment concepts—My Sister’s Closet (women), My Sister’s Attic (home furnishings) and Well Suited (men). Each store sells consigned items at 60 – 90% below retail value. Founded more than 20 years ago, Eco-Chic Consignments, Inc. has since grown into a \$23+ million business with 14 locations in some of the nicest neighborhoods of Arizona and California. The company ranked no. 2,896 on the Inc. 5000 list. To learn more about Eco-Chic Consignments, Inc. and its resale brands visit mysisterscloset.com.



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