## Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

# The Blue Goose Bus Fund





### Connecting Young People with Nature

- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge is offering an exciting new education program called *Refuge Partner Schools*.
- *Refuge Partner School* students currently participate in multidisciplinary, standard-based curriculum that includes hands-on, real-life experiences with nature and the outdoors.



• The *Program* reaches a wide audience of students with an emphasis on diverse, inner-city youth.



#### What is the Blue Goose Bus Fund?

- A Fund that has been established to help schools, especially under served inner city schools, absorb the cost of busing students to the Refuge for educational field trips.
- To ensure long term sustainability of the *Refuge Partner Schools Program*, a majority of each contribution is invested. The remainder goes to sponsoring a **Partner School** for the year the donation was received.
- The fund is managed by *Refuge Friends*, *Inc.*, a 501 (C) 3 non-profit.

### How You Can Be Involved! Support the Blue Goose Bus Fund!

Suggested Sponsorship Levels		<b>Provides Busing To About *</b>
Benefactor	over \$50,000	over 1,271 students
Sponsor	up to \$50,000	1,271 students
Contributor	up to \$30,000	762 students
Partner	up to \$15,000	381 students
Friend	up to \$7,500	190 students

<sup>\*</sup>After 70% investment, transportation costs average about \$14.00 per student per year.

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