



## **Rose Letwin, Founder of Wilburforce Foundation, Honored by Defenders of Wildlife**

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Rose Letwin, founder of Wilburforce Foundation, was honored today with Defenders of Wildlife's [Spirit of Defenders Citizen Advocacy Award](#). Defenders recognized Rose at their annual Conservation Awards Dinner in Washington, D. C. as an individual who has made a lasting and exceptional commitment to wildlife conservation.

Jamie Clark, President of Defenders, described Rose this way: "Rose Letwin has put her investments where her heart is. Her life-long commitment to sustaining wild places for wildlife and people has enriched our nation and is a gift to generations to come. Rose truly believes in collaboration, bringing scientists, decision makers and other stakeholders to the table to identify solutions that result in true conservation milestones. She is a hero to us all, and we are honored to give her the Spirit of Defenders Award for Citizen Advocacy."

Rose is especially humbled that an organization she has admired and supported for 17 years decided to honor her. She said, "I like to think of myself as a quiet catalyst, doing my small part while those like Jamie Clark really do the hard work with such spirit and love."

In her remarks at the event, Rose talked about her motivation to support and partner with Defenders: "Animals, by definition, don't have voices that most people can understand. And yet they have so much to tell us about the health and resiliencies of our mothership Earth. They deserve on their own merits to live safely and freely in their own homes. This is why advocacy is so important to me. Animals need our voices!"

Rose founded Wilburforce Foundation in 1991 with the vision of a thriving, interconnected North American West that could foster healthy wildlife. As its sole funder, she has demonstrated her long-term commitment to sustaining the wild places that animals need to thrive.

For more information about the foundation, please visit [our website](#).