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Dear Mary Lou Mellon,

On behalf of Community Cloud Forest Conservation and on behalf of the villages that border the cloud forests of the central highlands of Guatemala and their inhabitants whose livelihoods are improving thanks to conservation efforts, we thank you! On February 27th, CCFC received BCN's contribution of 3,810.00 toward our reforestation project. Thank you!

We are pleased to inform you of three major developments that coincide with this contribution. First, your contribution is being combined with \$1,979.91 that we raised before the Redstart Connection campaign began, which gives us a total of \$5,789.91. This fund allows CCFC to add 7.72 acres to our RR&R program (rescue, reforestation, and restoration).

Second, we are thrilled to announce the establishment of a 55 acre reserve specifically dedicated to the conservation of neotropical migratory birds of special concern: Olive-sided Flycatcher, Wood Thrush and Golden-cheeked and Golden-winged Warblers. Thanks to a major gift by two anonymous donors, CCFC is able to place this 55 acre area under protection. Your 7.72 acres are within this new refuge in an area that had recently been illegally deforested and is now, thanks to you, being restored with native trees and plants. BCN's contribution is being used exclusively to rescue, reforest, restore and protect for perpetuity this 7.72 acre area of critical importance to migratory birds.

Third, Ian Pope, graduate student at the University of Purdue and CCFC visiting scholar is including the BCN's reforestation area in his mapping of the cloud forests of Guatemala's central highlands. His study is producing interesting maps and analysis that will soon be available to BCN. With this letter of thanks comes a cordial invitation to BCN to visit this new reserve in person and / or on line through YouTube videos that are currently being edited.

Sincerely,



Rob Cahill,
Director and Founder, CCFC