

***The Buffalo Jump  
Called Chugwater  
and an Irrigation  
Pivot Near  
Wheatland, Wyoming  
Emmet Gowin***

The first Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970. Since that time, the message of Earth Day has spread around the world. In recent years, growing concerns about the environment and climate change have motivated politicians and citizens all over the world to take action. Research has shown the connections between changes in the environment and the health of wildlife populations, and as a result several advocacy groups for endangered species have become powerful and effective organizations. In recognition of the needs of these animals, you can use art to promote their causes, to help animals not only in remote corners of the world but also in your local area. Create animal T-shirts and animal note cards and organize an animal parade or an animal art show to celebrate your love for animals. Adopt an animal or an animal family, support a zoo, or volunteer at your local SPCA. Take care of the animals in your own backyard by creating a comfortable habitat just for them. Learn more by contacting any of the following organizations.

**Defenders of Wildlife**

[www.defenders.org](http://www.defenders.org)

This organization was founded in 1947 as an advocacy group for the protection of fur-bearing animals, especially wolves. While the organization still promotes the health of the U.S. wolf population, it has expanded to conserve wildlife in general and to champion the Endangered Species Act. Through the website you can “adopt” (sponsor) an animal.

**Earth Day Network**

[earthday.net](http://earthday.net)

This website promotes Earth Day activism and involvement around the world. It also provides up-to-date information about activities and political achievements that support the environmental movement.

**Heifer International**

[www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Heifer International encourages self-reliance through gifts of livestock and training. You can purchase a flock of chicks for a family in the Caribbean or Cameroon for as little as \$20. You can buy a water buffalo for a Filipino village for \$250. Look into how this organization helps the world become a better place.

**Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, International**

[www.spca.com](http://www.spca.com)

SPCA International raises awareness of animal cruelty and teaches good pet parenting. It accepts volunteers to provide foster homes for pets and to help animals when natural disasters strike.

**The World Wildlife Fund**

[www.worldwildlife.org](http://www.worldwildlife.org)

WWF is the world’s largest multinational conservation organization. It relies on scientific knowledge and the efforts of its members to accomplish its goal of “protecting the future of nature.”