



Dear Supporter,

I am excited to be writing to you for the first time on behalf of FORE. My name is Nick Callahan, ORSANCO's new Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator. In my new role, I will be developing and maintaining FORE's education programs, as well as the Ohio River Sweep. I have the honor to reach out to individuals (YOU!) who help us empower and inspire our communities to value and protect their watershed in the Ohio River Valley and beyond.

Prior to my work with FORE, I attended Thomas More University, where I studied Biology and Psychology, engrossing myself in animal behavior research. I also worked at Newport Aquarium and WAVE Foundation in various roles for six years, with two years as an AmeriCorps member through the Environmental Education Leadership Corps. I am grateful for the opportunity to further serve our Ohio River Basin through environmental education within our community.

I am excited to announce that we are back educating students and the public in person! Even though we had fewer programs this year than usual, demand for next year is already in full swing! Our award-winning RiverREACH program has entered a new era through a collaboration with BB Riverboats that allows students to venture aboard the River Queen where we are able to continue teaching environmental science with the rich history of the Great Ohio River. We have also started biweekly

after school programming with Cincinnati Public Schools, allowing us to bring various programs, including those with live macroinvertebrates, into the classroom.

Although FORE is constantly growing, we continue to find ways to fulfill our mission, whether virtually, in person, or through curriculum support for teachers and staff. Our focus on teamwork and communication have allowed experiences to remain exciting, engaging, and educational, resulting in comments like "You are just like the Kratts Brothers!" and "I have lived so close to the river for my whole life, and never realized that there was so much more life that I should be looking out for!" We have been encouraged and excited by the opportunities to reach our community even during periods when the world is in flux. I am confident that our commitment to ensuring the quality and diversity of FORE's programs will allow us to recover from the challenges of the past two years.

Your support of our organization has provided us the foundation we needed to accomplish our mission, even when our plans changed. For that, we are grateful, and we hope you will continue your support as we get ready to take on the new year in 2022.

We hope you have been doing well, and we wish you and your family health and happiness over the holidays!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Callahan

Environmental Education and Outreach
Coordinator

