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Dear Supporter:

Greetings from the Foundation for Ohio River Education! We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the fall as you look forward to the holiday season.

After all the challenges over the past couple years, we feel we are finally back on track and making real progress. We restructured our organization and hired a communications and environmental education manager, Annette Shumard, to lead our foundation efforts. Additionally, we recently reconvened our Board by holding the first in person meeting since 2020 and welcomed two new members.

In the greater Cincinnati region this year, we served 2,973 students in 44 environmental education programs as well as 9 communities at 14 outreach events. Our RiverWaterchrs program extends to serve students throughout the Ohio River Basin, this year we worked with 2 schools in Pennsylvania, 2 in West Virginia, and 1 in Ohio. We also supported additional education and public information programs through collaborative efforts with groups like the Ohio River Basin Alliance (ORBA) where we helped present the Ohio River Discussion Series. We developed unique partnerships such as the Pennsylvania Environmental Council where we were featured in their podcast, Pennsylvania Legacies. Our Ohio River Sweep cleanup event involved 5,324 people at 117 event locations, spanning 281 miles along the river for a total of 66.7 tons of trash collected. We completed all necessary repairs to our Life Below the Water Line mobile aquarium and look forward to relaunching the program next spring.



As we conclude the 2022 season, we are heading into the winter months developing a 5-year strategic plan for our education and outreach programs. Our goal is to expand our reach through collaborations and shared resources in order to extend our programs throughout each of our 8 Ohio River member states. We are continuing to evolve our River REACH floating classroom and community outreach programs and this year we launched a new canoe program. So far we facilitated 4 successful events, getting students out of the classroom and experiencing nature on the water.

Thank you for your continued support, our foundation programs run on the generosity of contributions like yours. Because of you, we are educating people of all ages regarding the importance of water quality and aquatic habitat, getting people back outside and connecting with nature, encouraging environmental stewardship, as well as, improving the perception of the Ohio River and its vital resources. Most of the populations we serve would not have the opportunity to learn about the Ohio River and experience all it has to offer without your support! We hope you will consider donating to our cause again to help us achieve our goals for next year. For your convenience, we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope with donation instructions.

Please contact me anytime at dbailey@orsanco.org, or at 513-231-7719, to learn more about all the great work we do for our communities, and our river, each day!

Sincerely,
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