

Dear Supporter,

Hard work. True impact. Recognition. Rewards. Transformative. Fun. Those are just a few ways to describe our 2013.

With your support, we conducted 148 events and hauled over 341,000 pounds of trash from America's river banks and waterways in the last year. We expanded our education program with 49 workshops that included 1,297 participating teachers and students. Through community outreach events, thousands of adults and kids heard the LL&W mission.

Because of the commitment and passion of people like you, the water is cleaner, river banks are safer, kids are more aware of their responsibilities to our environment and teachers are better equipped to deliver relevant and fun messages that will result in keeping our waterways and communities cleaner.

On top of all that, I was honored to be invited to the White House to celebrate volunteers who are making a difference all over the United States and at the end of the year, I was named the 2013 CNN Hero of the Year. These are significant recognitions — and my friends, I don't take them for granted nor do I underestimate the contributions others have made to my success or that of Living Lands & Waters.

Last year was significant for both our organization and me, personally. I owe my success to my family, talented and committed staff, enthusiastic volunteers, supporters, sponsors and partners like you. I'm aratified by our achievements. Not a day goes by that I don't think about how lucky I am to travel the United States, meet and work with the best of the best people, do what I love and make a difference.

Thank you for contributing to our successful, rewarding and fun year!

Sincerely,

Founder & President

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When I joined the Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) board thirteen years ago, they did not have a balance sheet that balanced. Not even close. LL&W had a houseboat, living quarters for Chad and crew, which floated — most of the time, not always. LL&W had vibrancy, a bite'em in the butt tenacity for hard work and results, and crazy creativity, all of which got the organization through the early days. These qualities have not diminished through the years. They have been strengthened by a talented and longer serving crew and office staff, a sophisticated, dedicated board, a greatly broadened financial support base, an expanded scope that involves attracting thousands of volunteers for tree planting and education of youth, in addition to river cleanups.

Today, LL&W is bigger and stronger, better able to adapt as needed, and to perform more effectively. The growth is still firmly rooted in Chad who continues to inspire each of us to not be afraid of mud, and to think BIG without forgetting the dream is realized by day-to-day effort.

After twelve years on the board, I exit feeling incredibly blessed for the LL&W experience. I feel happy, happy, happy for being so closely associated with LL&W. Those of you who are associated by volunteering, donating, spreading the word -

you know what I mean.





CHAD PREGRACKE | Founder & President

Sixteen years ago, at the age of 23, Chad founded Living Lands & Waters, the world's only "industrial strength" not-for-profit river cleanup organization. After spending his life growing up and working on the Mississippi River, Chad became appalled by the amount of garbage in the river and decided that, if no one else was going to do something about it, he would. Since then, Chad, his crew, and 70,000 volunteers have removed, more than 7.5 million pounds of garbage from our nation's rivers.

TAMMY BECKER | Programs Manager

Tammy is the high-spirited director of the LL&W educational workshops. She has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Western Illinois University. Tammy joined the team in late 2002 and uses her extensive experience gained from the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps to put together informative, fun and successful workshops. Tammy also works hard as a cleanup team member and grant writer. She is the most positive personality within our group, which is quite an accomplishment with this enthusiastic group of optimists!

ANNE POWERS | Financial Manager

Anne came on board in November 2004, bringing with her 28 years of experience in The University of Iowa's Athletic Business Office. She graduated from Christian College in Columbia, MO, and attended The University of Iowa. After proving herself as a LL&W superstar volunteer, she was recruited to join the full-time staff. After nine great years, Anne retired in December 2013. We will miss all that she brought to the LL&W team and wish her the best in her retirement.

MIKE COYNE-LOGAN Education Facilitator, Crew Member

Mike (a.k.a. Nozzy) graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2000 with degrees in history and education. Before joining the crew in July of 2007, Mike taught school in Rock Island, IL. Mike began volunteering with LL&W in 2005 which lead to his decision to come on board.

BEN GRAFTON | Operations Manager, Crew Member

Ben is from Moline, IL and graduated from Moline High School in 2004. He's been affiliated with LL&W since the Hurricane Katrina Project in 2005, and officially joined the crew in March of 2009. Ben's hard work ethic, carpentry skills and easy-going personality make him a great addition to the LL&W crew.



NORA COYNE-LOGAN | Programs Coordinator Cleanups and Special Events

Nora graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2008 with a degree in Communication. After graduation, Nora became the Membership Coordinator at the River Music Experience in Davenport, IA. She also assisted with booking musical engagements, marketing duties, and various administrative tasks. Nora joined the LL&W team in January of 2010 to help remind her brother, Nozzy, to keep his shoes tied.

ASHLEY STOVER | Programs Coordinator

MillionTrees Project and Safety Program, Crew Member Ashley graduated from Western Illinois University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Biology. Her dedication, persistence, and organizational skills were displayed while volunteering for the MillionTrees Project in 2010 which led to her hire as a crew member and the MTP coordinator. She later took on the task of Safety Coordinator as a means to better keep the crew and volunteers safe in all off LL&W's endeavors. Not only does she keep the supplies and logistics under control, Ashley also keeps the barge nice and tidy!! Ashley enjoys cleaning, as well as spending time with her friends and family...especially her niece, Keegan, and her dog, Smo.

JOHN BOSTROM (J.B.) Operations Manager, Crew Member

John (J.B.) graduated from Black Hawk College in 2009 and attended Western Illinois University. After volunteering with LL&W for several years and attending Alternative Spring Break, J.B. was urged to join the crew in the summer of 2011. He's a quick learner and "Jack of all trades" who easily transitioned into his role as crew member.

AMBER PRIBYL | Office Manager

Amber joined the LL&W team in May 2012. As a former dental assistant, she was more in tune to personal hygiene than river hygiene. It was her well-known commitment to success, support of community development and volunteer efforts that connected her to the organization. Amber has become one of LL&W's biggest cheerleaders. She enthusiastically manages the Quad Cities office with tenacity, and is dedicated to maximizing opportunities that enhance LL&W in making a difference. Amber's hobbies include spending time with friends and family, live music and meeting new people.

JUSTINE LENTZ

Programs Coordinator, Grant Writer, Crew Member Justine grew up in Northern California where she graduated

in 2011 from California State University, Chico, with a degree in International Relations. In the winter of 2012, she volunteered with AmeriCorps which led to her involvement with LL&W. After completing her service with AmeriCorps, Justine moved to the Midwest and joined the crew full time. She's always eager to accept new challenges, has already taken over our Adopt-a-River-Mile program, and is looking forward to putting her experience and many amazing skills to good use.

DAN BREIDENSTEIN | Crew Member

Dan has been a volunteer since 2010 and, after attending two alternative spring breaks and completing an internship with LL&W, was asked to join the team. Dan graduated from Western Illinois University with a major in Recreation Parks and Tourism Administration. He is an avid disc golfer who enjoys longboarding, snowboarding, and listening to live music. His positive attitude is a great addition to the crew.

AMY MCCOY | Education Coordinator, Crew Member

In 2012 Amy met the Living Lands & Waters Crew as a teacher when she brought her class aboard for a student workshop. After being blown away with her vocals during the workshop and hearing her express her admiration for the company, Chad later contacted Amy to see if she'd be interested in coming on as the new Education Coordinator. With 10 years of classroom teaching experience in Biology, Earth Science, and Environmental Science as well as a Master's degree in Environmental Studies from California State University at Fullerton, Amy brings a lot to the education program, not to mention an occasional "Star-Spangled Banner" at a clean-up event!

SHELLY HAMM | Financial Manager

Shelly joined the LL&W office staff in the fall of 2013 after working for the Hillman Group, formerly Servalite Products, for 13 years as their Inventory/Information Manager. She brings to LL&W amazing organizational and business skills, as well as a great sense of humor. Shelly and her husband, Roger, have a 12 year old daughter and an 8 year old son. Both of their children recently enjoyed participating in a LL&W river cleanup with their Scout troops. In her free time, if there is such a thing with two young children, Shelly enjoys watching her kids' sporting events and serves as their full-time taxi driver!

DICK SOUTHWICK | Crew Member

Richard "Dick" is a Quad City native who resides on the shore of the Mississippi River in East Moline, IL. After graduation from Moline High School, Dick served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked at several area manufacturing facilities, retiring from John Deere Harvester Product Development after 32 years as mechanic, machinist, welder, fabricator and procurement specialist. Dick joined the team in May 2012.

MIKE HANLIN | Captain

Mike, a retired educator from East Moline, IL, has been with LL&W since the beginning. Captain Mike received his Charter Boat Captain Master License in the 60's while working his way through college. After many years of teaching, Chad persuaded Mike to come aboard as Captain. They made their first trip up the Mississippi River together with one additional crew member. Captain Mike is an environmentalist who enjoys the outdoors. He always has a great story to tell about his experiences working with LL&W, and looks forward to future trips "Rollin' On The River."



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### Education & OUTREACH

Sprucing up the student educational workshops with scientific, hands-on experiences became the dominant focus for Living Lands & Waters' education program in 2013. With our new Education Coordinator, Amy McCoy, bringing 10 years of science teaching experience coupled with our Education Facilitator, Mike Coyne-Logan (aka The Coach), we feel we have the real "Dream Team" right here at LL&W. Amy and Mike have worked together to design and implement an overfishing simulation about sustainable resource use, and an interactive and recycle.

In 2013, we hosted 45 workshops for Mississippi River. Students learned water pollution, resource management,

When it has been too cold or too far for people to venture out on the river, we have brought the river to the people. Through 34 community outreach events this year including in-school presentations, Bald Eagle Days, Clean Water Celebration and Earth Week Fair, our staff was able to share the mission of LL&W with more than 28,663 adults and children!

An extra special THANK YOU to our sponsors. Without your generosity we would not be able to offer scholarships to schools that otherwise would not be able to afford their students' transportation to our free workshops!





# The Great MISSISSIPPI RIVER CLEANUP



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And countless individuals, community groups, and city government offices!

In 2013, 18 cities along the Upper Mississippi River from St. Paul, MN to St. Louis, MO participated in the Fourth Annual Great Mississippi River Cleanup (GMRC). Unanticipated high water posed a challenge, forcing several sites to be postponed. Nevertheless, that did not stop the 2,534 adventurous volunteers from removing over 109,694 pounds of debris from the Mississippi River shorelines. Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible.

#### 2013 Participating Cities:

Illinois: Alton, Grafton, Quincy, Savanna

Iowa: Burlington, Camanche, Fort Madison, Guttenberg, Keokuk, Lansing, Muscatine, Davenport

Missouri: Hannibal, St. Louis

Minnesota: St. Paul, Winona

Wisconsin: Cassville, Prairie Du Chien



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Many people ask, /hat is the most commo thing you find when cleaning the rive By far, the most common item we pick up is the **plastic bottle** Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) team and volunteers pick up tens of thousands of plastic bottles every year in addition to hundreds of aluminum cans and glass containers.

In 2013, the LL&W team and 275 volunteers rocked it out at our Recycle Like a Rock Star events. Volunteers hand-sorted garbage that had been collected at previous river cleanups and separated every plastic bottle, glass container and aluminum can from items that could not be recycled

Two events, one in Alton, IL and the other in Davenport, IA, diverted a total of 29,020 pounds (almost 15 tons!) of debris from the landfill. That's a lot of plastic bottles

Our Davenport recycling event was one of 48 locations throughout the Quad Cities for the 10th Annual Xsteam Cleanup. A total of 1,564 volunteers came together and removed a whopping 45,534 lbs of debris from local waterways.

We kicked off our 2013 season in Memphis, TN, where the debut of our DJ/Karaoke Boat motivated volunteers to get down and dirty for our 1.3th Annual Alternative Spring Break (ASB). During the first three weeks of March 161 students from 18 different colleges lent a hand with the Living Lands & Waters crew and local organizations to remove an astonishing 150,000 pounds of trash and debris from Lake McKellar. This is the third year LL&W has hosted ASB in Memphis removing close to half a million pounds of garbage!

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## Community CLEANUPS

In addition to the Alternative Spring Break and Great Mississippi **River** Cleanups,

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The LL&W crew hosted these cleanups throughout 17 cities in 6 states, and with the help of 1,360 hard-working and determined volunteers 117,680 pounds of debris were removed from our nation's rivers. The crew does its best to make this laborious work fun with their antics, energy, and positive spirit.

Since 2007, when LL&W started its MillionTrees Project, we've planted or distributed over 605,000 trees to many communities, park districts and businesses throughout 13 states. Thank you to all those who participated and helped us get closer to our goal of 1,000,000 trees!

#### 2013 MTP RECIPIENTS

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—Kevin de la Bruere Scoutmaster, Troop 24

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CYC - June Combs	2	108-110 IL
Mississippi River Basin Expedition	1	117-118 IL
Ameren Missouri, Keokuk Plant	2	364-365 IL/IA
Cascade Boating Association	2	401-403 IA
ADM Grain: Burlington, IA	1	406-407 IA
TEE Inc	5	415-420 IL
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Morse Family & Friends	10	457-462 IL/IA
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Master Naturalist	1	480-481 IL
Missman, Inc.	1	482-483 IL
Iowa American Water Company	1	483-484 IA
Bolton, Pat & Tom	1	484-485 IA
US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 9-5	1	485-486 IA
Kone Inc., Employees	1	485-486 IL
Russell Construction Company	1	486-487 IA
Sierra Club- Eagle River Club	1	486-487 IL
Moline Conservation Club	1	487-488 IL
Jamieson Family	2	487-488 IA/IL
Alcoa	1	488-489 IA
Lenger Family	1	488-489 IL
Boy Scout Troop 24-Bettendorf	2	489-491 IA
Big River Dive Team	1	496-497 IL
Port Byron Green Committee	2	497-499 IL
Northern Border Pipeline	2	500-501 IA/IL
Zion Lutheran Church	2	501-503 IA
Artco Fleeting Service-Clinton	8	512-516 IA/IL
Riverbend Middle School	1	520-521 IL
Carlson Family	4	543-545 IA/IL
Thompson, Gary & Carol	8	569-573 IA/IL
Friends of Dubuque Co. Conservation Board	1	573-574 IA
Artco Fleeting Services-Dubuque	8	574-578 IA/IL
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Bunge North America - McGregor	1	633-634 IA
Artco Fleeting Services-Prairie Du Chien	4	634-636 IA/WI
Brice Prairie Conservation Club	2	703-704 WI/MN
Wisconsin Industrial Sand Co.	1	779-780 WI
ADM Red Wing	2	790-791 WI/MN
River Ridge Homeowners Association	1	793-794 WI
Bass Wranglers	1	814-815 MN
River's Edge Academy	1	841-842 MN
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### CNN HERO of the YEAR

In July Chad ventured to Washington D.C. for the presentation of the 5,000th Daily Point of Light Award at the White House. Honored to be one of the select few former recipients invited, he was able to sit in attendance as President Obama commended the work of Living Lands & Waters! Who could imagine such a prestigious event was just a prelude for the truly action packed months LL&W had ahead?

IN HEROES

## AN ALL-STAR TRIBUTE

After learning in October that Chad was among the Top 10 CNN Heroes for 2013, we were blown away with the news arriving on November 19 that he had been voted the 2013 Hero!

A special THANK YOU for your votes and continued support — we couldn't have done this without you.

#### Thursday, August 7, 2014 Schweibert Park, Rock Island

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