Dear Supporter,


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 gratified 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,

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Founder & President

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A WORD from the BENCH

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.
MEET the TEAM

CHAD PREGRACKE  |  Founder & President
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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 2000 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
Nora graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2008 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 being 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 events. Nora joined the crew to gain supplies and logistics under control. Ashley also keeps the bar nice and tidy! Ashley enjoys cleaning, as well as spending time with her family…especially her niece, Keegan, and her dog, Simo.

JOHN BOSTROM  |  Operations Manager, Crew Member
John 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 LENZT  |  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 a local engineering firm, Dan graduated from Western Illinois University with a major in Recreation 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 Servicall 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 a machinist, welder, fabricator and procurement specialist. Dick joined the team in May of 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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- **55-Gallon Drums**: 5,951
- **Bags of Trash**: 92,936
- **Sinks**: 136
- **Tires**: 69,298
- **Barge Line**: 18,852
- **Refrigerators**: 971
- **Air Conditioners**: 68
- **Washing Machines**: 221
- **Gas Tanks and Cans**: 423
- **Propane Tanks**: 1,418
- **Mannequin Heads & Hands**: 12
- **Hot Water Heaters**: 304
- **Portable Toilets**: 23
- **BBQ Grills**: 165
- **Shopping Carts**: 53
- **Coolers**: 359
- **Bowling Balls**: 101
- **Toy Dolls**: 586
- **Boats**: 72
- **Freezers**: 105
- **Cars**: 9
- **Balls**: 20,966
- **250-Gallon Drums**: 63
- **Milk Crates**: 756
- **Bicycles**: 112
- **Life Jackets**: 233
- **Tractors**: 19
- **Trash Cans**: 358
- **Car Engines**: 15
- **Chairs**: 1,151
- **Stoves**: 191
- **TVs**: 249
- **Lawn Mowers**: 56
- **Couches**: 57
- **Motorcycles**: 12
- **Ford Econoline Van**: 1
- **Dishwashers**: 67
- **Barge Cable**: 9,003
- **Bath Tubs**: 28
- **Mattresses**: 97
- **Duck Decoys**: 258
- **Trucks**: 1
- **Toilets**: 101
- **Septic Tanks**:
- **School Bus Top**: 1

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- **Construction Cones**: 106
- **Big Wheels**: 51
- **Parking Meters**: 1
- **Pianos**: 4
- **Jet Skis**: 7
- **Messages in Bottles**: 71
- **Buoys**: 303
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**Education & OUTREACH**

Spicing 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-Losten (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 improved program. The workshops now feature water quality testing, an overfishing simulation about sustainable resource use, and an interactive discussion on ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

In 2013, we hosted 45 workshops for 1,240 students in 15 cities along the Mississippi River. Students learned about the importance of our rivers, water pollution, resource management, sustainability, and river-related careers.

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 26,663 adults and children!

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
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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!

Many people ask, “What is the most common thing you find when cleaning the river?” 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 Xstream Cleanup. A total of 1,564 volunteers came together and removed a whopping 45,534 lbs of debris from local waterways.
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!
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**A D O P T  a R I V E R M I L E**

“You never know what you’ll find at the river, but you know you will have a lot of fun and leave with a great sense of accomplishment!”

—Kevin de la Bruere
Scoutmaster, Troop 24
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?

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.
To aid in the protection, preservation and restoration of the natural environment of the nation’s major rivers and their watersheds.

To expand awareness of environmental issues and responsibility encompassing the river.

To create a desire and an opportunity for stewardship and responsibility for a cleaner river environment.