

Dear Friends,

It's been 20 years since I set out on the mission to clean up the Mississippi River. So many people have helped in countless ways from financial support to volunteering time, expertise and energy, and the list goes on and on.

Our accomplishments to date have far exceeded any expectations that I ever had. Back in '97 when I set out on this mission, I didn't have a grand plan for what it would look like in 20 years. For that matter, I didn't even know what a nonprofit organization was (until I started one of my own the following year).

Now, I'm overwhelmed with sheer gratitude for those willing to contribute to something so near and dear to my heart.

After an extensive two-day planning session where we recapped 2017, discussed our overall stats, looked at what's ahead in 2018 and how we can be better, one thing was clear - our team is made up of 100% rock stars.

As I looked around the room, I was so pleased with everyone and what each individual brings to the table...what a great group of people I am lucky enough to work and live side by side with!

YOU are part of the team I am fortunate to work side by side with as well. Your support has played a HUGE role in where we are today. As I have said many times before, I feel like we're just getting started. There's still a tremendous amount of work to be done, places to go and people to meet and inspire. THANK YOU for giving us this opportunity to continue making a difference in our world!

Sincerely,



Chad Pregracke
Founder & President



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT