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Dear <FN>,

Thank you for joining The River Project. Your generous donation of \$ <Amount> on <Date> provided essential financial support for our research and environmental education activities this past year, including:

- **The Marine Biology Internship program for high school students.** Not only does this program generate vital new data, it provides budding scientists with valuable training for college-level studies in oceanography, marine biology, or ecology.
- **Special Family Events such as the “Return of the Oyster” festival and the “Crab Crunch.”** The River Project builds community awareness of the importance of preserving the Hudson’s natural resources with these events, which bring residents and visitors into direct contact with the river’s ecosystem.
- **The Estuarium, an aquarium exhibiting local wildlife, established in 1987.** This is just one example of The River Project’s many efforts to relate scientific knowledge to the public in an enjoyable, accessible way. We also offer field trips, seminars, and learning labs.
- **Scientific Studies.** From water quality assays to assess the feasibility of swimming to studies of the return of colonizing invertebrates, The River Project researches and documents important data on the health of the Hudson Estuary ecosystem. This data makes its way to city planning commissions, harbor management, local boating groups, conservation organizations, universities, and other scientists.

But we need your help! Our members play a critical role in determining The River Project’s future. As the Hudson River Park and other westside waterfront plans move forward, we need to show government officials and community representatives that The River Project has friends and neighbors who appreciate our work on the Hudson. A roster of paying members is the best way we have to demonstrate that support.

Won’t you please <renew/rejoin>today?

New Member Benefits...For those River Project friends who rejoin at a \$100 or higher level of membership, you’ll receive as our special thanks one or more of the lovely gifts below (see membership form).

Best Wishes,

Cathy Drew, director



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Please make checks payable to The River Project. Donations are tax deductible as indicated. We occasionally send our members information about other organizations’ events, but we do not give away or sell our mailing list to anyone.

Please check here if you do not wish to be listed in the newsletter or the Estuarine Exhibit.

