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Dear Friends,

We have had a busy year! We have: taken students out on the river in kayaks to learn about the river and our watershed; been successful in helping the City of Napa get a significant planning grant for new river access near Stanly Ranch; continued our efforts with the RCD in our “Acorns to Oaks” education project; presented the “Eyes on the Sky” film screening at Copia; and hosted our sold-out “*River Concert for Friends*” at CIA-Copia, which highlighted the Napa Valley Youth Symphony and Kellie Fuller and honored our beloved President, Bernhard Krevet.

We believe in creating a thriving Napa community with a *Living River* at its heart. [JOIN US!](#) There is still so much to do, and 2017 looks to be even busier. **With your support**, we intend to:

- Expand our watershed education programs, bringing more Napa Valley students out onto the Napa River and into the watershed to learn first-hand about our ecosystem, spark curiosity, and plant the seeds for future conservation;
- Advocate for both public access to the river and for the highest quality integration of projects along the riverfront in Napa. These include the future development of the County Corporation Yard, the southern half of the Copia property, and the former Cinedome site;
- Actively participate in County and community discussions regarding our watersheds with the intention of finding collaborative resolution of contentious issues;
- Redouble our advocacy for the *completion* of the Living River Flood Control Project;
- Engage the community in the health of the river through our citizen science water quality monitoring program, community paddles on the river, watershed education programs for the public, river clean-ups, and more!
- Bring the community together to celebrate our river! Plans are underway to host a “Napa River Day” featuring a myriad of on-river events, a community party and concert in Oxbow Commons, and a riverside dinner and concert at CIA-Copia.

As you can see, Friends has a lot going on and we cannot do it alone. **We need your help!**

How can YOU help?

- Donate - your financial assistance is vitally important to us. Please **begin or renew your membership**. Send a check to P.O.Box 537, Napa, CA 94559; we accept credit cards and personal checks. You can donate online via our website: <https://fonr.org/become-a-member-2>
- Volunteer – we can use all kinds of help:

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Boys & Girls Club students learn about the Napa River as they ride the tides, summer 2016.



Field trips to the river and watershed spark curiosity.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Help with a kayaking “adventure” for students as they learn about our tidal river.
- Join with Friends and our partners at the Napa RCD to help teach students how to restore our oak woodlands.
- Help make our next “Napa River” Day a big community success.
- Provide outreach at the Friends’ table at public events.
- Join a community of river stewards and help with river clean-ups.
- Help with graphic design, grant writing, newsletters, outreach, fundraising, social media... what skills can you share to help your river?

In addition, new projects under development include collecting water quality data, a river docent training program, bringing WILD Napa up-valley to St. Helena and Calistoga, and studying creeks as wildlife corridors...are you interested?

If you would like to lend a hand with any of these projects, have river stories to share or questions about the river, please contact us! Email: info@fonr.org, follow us on Facebook, or give us a call: 707-254-8520.

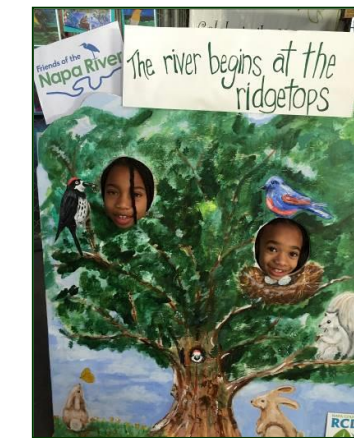
Be a friend to the River. [Join us](#). Together, we can ensure a thriving, *Living River* at the heart of our community.

Thank you for your support!

With gratitude,

Shari Gardner, Executive Director

Bernhard Krevet, President



FONR provides watershed information and outreach at community events.