



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

Saving a National Treasure

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Ms. Brenda Smith
St. John the Evangelist School
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Dear Ms. Smith:

On behalf of all of us dedicated to saving the Bay, thank you for the kind donation of \$795.00 from the students of St. John the Evangelist School to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). We received your contribution on February 27, 2019. A gift such as this one helps CBF to restore, preserve, and protect the Bay and its tributaries for current and future generations.

Experts agree that the science-based Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint is our best chance to Save the Bay. Since the Blueprint's origin in 2010, the Bay has been improving. But progress is never a straight line. Simply put, the Bay suffered a massive assault in 2018. Record rainfall flushed enormous amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous, and debris off our lands and into the Bay. And new challenges like the federal administration attempting to rollback fundamental environmental protections are threatening our success.

Still, there are heartening signs that the Bay is building resiliency. Despite the torrent of polluted runoff, the Bay's dead zones did not grow as predicted and underwater grasses are at 30-year high levels. The progress we have made in recent years kept the impact from being much worse. The Blueprint is working. But the system remains dangerously out of balance. There is much left to do.

In the year ahead, CBF will accelerate its education, restoration, and advocacy efforts in order to defend and advance the Blueprint and Save the Bay. These efforts, and so much more, are made possible through the support of donors like you.

Your contribution helps us to continue these Bay saving programs and it is much appreciated by all of us at CBF. Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Baker
President

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