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Dear Friends,

When we opened our doors in 2014, we were excited to share the beauty and wonder of the Cahaba River with our community. The Cahaba River is one the most biodiverse rivers in North America. Our watershed is home to over 128 native freshwater fish species and the beautiful Cahaba Lily. While the biodiversity found here is important for us to celebrate and maintain, what is also important is the diversity of the people we have been able to serve. In our five years of operations, the Cahaba Environmental Center is proud to have served:

Over 5,000 participants of all ages;

73 Schools from Gadsden to Dothan and from Tuscaloosa to Georgia. These schools have been both private and public and include classes from pre-school through university;

In partnerships with over 30 different organizations and individuals in our community;

And 40+ seasonal and permanent staff have come through our doors and have contributed to our organization, grown as educators, and gone on to other endeavors.

It is not an exaggeration to say that everyone that comes to the Cahaba Environmental Center has felt the significance of our stewardship for the natural world and each other.

At this time in our journey, our pursuit of excellence has outgrown our financial ability to support our mission. We have made the difficult decision to temporarily close our doors and engage in creative and intentional thought and planning in order to reopen our doors in a sustainable way in the near future.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and words of encouragement. It has been our pleasure to share our home, engage in meaningful conversation about the environment, and connect so many to the nature that surrounds us everyday. Like the river, which has times of peaceful flow and rocky shoals, winding bends and eddies, our journey may take different paths but our destination remains the same. Our goals continue to be to offer quality programming and a place for our staff to grow and flourish, connect our community to the Cahaba River, and inspire stewardship in learners of all ages.

Living River, our parent organization, continues to operate and host user groups, conferences, and retreats. They are working hard to help us reopen by Fall 2020.

Float on,
Your friends at the CEC