

## Annual Report for 2004

*Clearwater conducts programs in education, citizen training and support, and community outreach to build constituencies that care about the Hudson River and work for its protection.*

Dear Friends,

During the last five years, it has been my privilege to be a leader of the Clearwater community. Working together, we have accomplished much that has made Clearwater stronger and better prepared to face the future.

Precisely because Clearwater is strong, this is the best time for me to move aside and allow a new Executive Director, with a new set of skills and new energy, to take Clearwater to the next level.

I have believed in Clearwater's potential since 1972, and I see every reason to continue believing — more than ever, in fact. I would like to use this letter to ask for your continuing support by celebrating some of our accomplishments over the past five years.

- First — and perhaps foremost — after twenty-five years, **we won a Record of Decision** from the EPA requiring General Electric to remove **most of the remaining PCBs in the Hudson River**.
- In recognition of Clearwater's international leadership in environmental education programs, **we have been selected as education partner for the Rivers and Estuaries Center**, launching our first programs in Fall 2005.
- The *Clearwater* was named to the **National Register of Historic Places** for its nationally significant role in the history of the American environmental movement, opening the doors to major new funding sources for the sloop's restoration.
- Clearwater and its mission attracted Emmy-winning Kunhardt Productions to film our 2004–2005 season for a **documentary scheduled for release at leading film festivals in Fall 2005** and promising to give Clearwater unprecedented national prominence.
- In 2001, **we launched an 8-year, \$1.6 million restoration for the sloop**. In 2004, The Dyson Foundation — generous supporters of Clearwater education programs, including our **Poughkeepsie Community River Days** — awarded \$300,000 toward the restoration project, the largest grant in Clearwater's history.
- As Hudson Valley activists focused on PCBs, activists in other areas of the U.S. made great strides in **watershed management**. Clearwater is leading the Hudson Valley's catch-up by forming and nurturing a regional **Watershed Alliance** comprised of more than 160 local environmental organizations.
- We continue to innovate in our education programs. We are partnering with the Beczak Center to develop a **state of the art internet-based distance learning project** linking Yonkers students with their peers in Ulster County. Our *Classroom of the Waves* was the November/December 2004 **cover story in Teacher** magazine and our **Urban Outreach Internship** program was one of eight winners nationally of the 2005 Seaworld/Busch Gardens/Fuji Film **Environmental Excellence Award**.
- A successful Clearwater action is forcing the **first review of five-year Clean Water Act permits** in more than fifteen years at Indian Point, and won the first step toward a hoped-for compliance order to install closed-cycle cooling.
- Our signature festival, the **Great Hudson River Revival**, has added a **Green Living Expo** and continues to bring record crowds to Croton Point Park.
- As the internet transforms advocacy and fundraising, we are particularly proud of **Clearwater's new online pressroom** and our rapidly growing **e-mail advocacy network** that enables us to conduct overnight "instant campaigns."

- We are equally proud of our efforts to “walk the walk” on sustainable choices. We have **purchased wind energy for four years — enough to offset the environmental impact of all Clearwater operations.** This coming fall, we will install a **new diesel engine** in the sloop that will allow us to **burn biofuels instead of fossil fuels.**
- Clearwater has become the standard for building strategic alliances with a diverse array of partners working toward common goals. From advocacy to education, **hundreds of organizations work with us in grassroots coalitions** that keep environmental protection fresh, relevant, and effective.

And the biggest win of all? I’m proudest that during my tenure as Executive Director, **Clearwater has brought seventy-five thousand more young people into the Clearwater Generation.** We believe that three hours on the sloop *Clearwater*, in the structured setting of the *Classroom of the Waves* and other programs, changes lives. People meet us at docks up and down the river — even in New York City — to tell us how a single trip in grammar or middle school made a deep impression.

All of these successes were the result of an extraordinary team effort. Most of the credit has to go to the remarkable staff, board and volunteers I have been honored to work with every day, and to the principled, innovative people who came before us: Clearwater’s founders, and former Board members, volunteers and staff.

With your help, Clearwater will welcome a new Executive Director with strong programs, enthusiastic staff, and enough cash in the bank to carry the organization forward toward even greater successes in the future.

My best wishes and most heartfelt thanks for all you have done for Clearwater,



Andy Mele

**Annual Allocations for the Fiscal Year ended November 30, 2004**

Total Revenue and Other Support .....	\$2,044,165
Expenses:	
Education.....	\$625,573
Environmental Action.....	\$114,838
Community Outreach.....	\$700,050
Management .....	\$171,235
Fundraising .....	\$55,989
Other Operating (including sloop).....	\$1,440,461
Net Assets—End of Year.....	\$680,014

**Board of Directors:**

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**Executive Director:** Andre P. Mele

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