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Hello,

I wanted to send a brief note to tell you how important Vancouver Lake is to our family and community. We were introduced to Vancouver Lake Crew when my daughter was a junior in high school. She started working out at the lake 5 days a week and taking part in races. She had a wonderful group of people that were coaching her and made great friends during this time. This program also allowed her to go to Nationals and ultimately she was signed on with Southern Methodist University to row for them. Bailey has continued to work out with the Crew when she is home on holiday. She has worked with younger children at the Rowing Camps that are offered during the summers. Vancouver Lake allows children to be introduced to water activities and the love of nature through these various programs. This last summer the water quality was so bad (with dangerous bacteria) that the kids were not able to be on the water many of the days that the camps were offered. It would be a great shame if Vancouver Lake was not cleaned up and the activities that are currently available were no longer available. Vancouver Lake has played an extremely important role in our family and in our community and we would like to see this carry on for many years to come.