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Subject: World water day challenge 2019

Hello,

My name is Chris Brokate, I am founder of the group called Clean River Alliance here on the Russian River in California ,I am also a member of the Sebastopol sunrise Rotary and and member of WASRAG.

Our world water day challenge included working with four high school students from Ukiah California to create a trash and clean camp program for the local homeless community that are living by the river by providing trash bags to the local population to be put out for pick up on a regular day during the week like people with homes do. We started by engaging the local homeless service providers to be the central point to hand out trash bags and we also partnered up with the city of Ukiah and the waste management company to provide bags and regular pick up on Thursdays. We also personally went out and engage the local population in their camps and talk to them about caring for the environment.

Within weeks we had some of the homeless population staging trash and creating clean camps and caring for the environment. We also had some of the homeless population wanting to join our group by asking us for our T-shirts and how they could get more involved in taking care of the river.

Thank you for your consideration and

If you would like more information on this project please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

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Ukiah High seniors collaborate with Clean River Alliance on project

Senior project enlists homeless to help clean environment



As part of his senior project, 18-year-old Luca Szabo helped create a way for the homeless population to aid in the effort to keep the environment clean and help pick up trash in the area. (Contributed photo)

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