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Another goal of the MORV is to connect with communities along the river and to bring back their stories. Each community is unique, and each can inspire us to support other communities worldwide that face critical water issues. If you live along the Missouri River, contact Gary and Linda at gdekock@gmail.com and we will look for you as we pass by. No matter where you live, follow us as we work to connect people and water.

In 2014, Gary and Linda kayaked 2,291 miles in 70 days, their first voyage in support of Water For People. The trip took them from Minnesota via the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico. In 2017, they canoed 1,176 miles in 51 days to complete the Five Rivers Voyage, which ended in Chicago, IL. In October 2017, they received the Robert W. Hite Award from WFP for their work.

Water For People exists to promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services, accessible to all, and sustained by strong communities, businesses, and governments. They have offices in Denver, CO and work in nine countries around the world.
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**Sponsorship Levels and Benefits**

**PLATINUM SPONSOR - $5,000**
Your logo and name printed on the MORV bandanna (must pledge by March 1, 2018)
Logo and name of your company displayed on the Missouri River Voyage canoe
Visual recognition at the Water For People WEFTEC 2018 booth
Listing on Missouri River Voyage Garmin MapShare site

**GOLD SPONSOR - $2,000**
Logo and name of your company displayed on the Missouri River Voyage canoe
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Listing on Missouri River Voyage Garmin MapShare site

**SILVER SPONSOR - $1000**
Logo and name of your company displayed on the Missouri River Voyage canoe
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**BRONZE SPONSOR - $500**
Name of your company will be displayed on the Five Rivers Voyage canoe

**Contact Information**
Pledges to the Water For People Missouri River Voyage (MORV) can be paid directly to MWEA-MORV, PO Box 397, Bath, MI 48808 or through the MWEA or Crowdrise websites. The final deadline for pledge payment is October 31, 2018. Contact Gary De Kock at gdekock@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities and questions. Thanks for helping!