

# Honoring Former CBF Chairman Keith Campbell

By William C. Baker, President

**K**eith Campbell has been my friend and trusted advisor for 15 years. He served as CBF Chairman of the Board for four years, stepping down in January. Keith will remain active with CBF serving as an Honorary Trustee.

Keith was introduced to CBF and to me by CBF trustee Turney McKnight, who saw in Keith all of the qualities CBF looks to in its volunteer leaders. Turney was right. In our 2010 Annual Report, Keith wrote, “The

Chesapeake is emotion. It’s what brought my family to this part of the country when I was a child. It’s what brought me back from California shortly after I started my company.”

As a boy, Keith and his father would pole their skiff in search of crabs. They never used bait but could still net a bushel of crabs in less than two hours. Those early experiences did much to shape his adult thinking.

Keith has been a tireless advocate for saving the Bay. He was the keynote speaker at our November 2008 *The Bay is Slowly Dying* rally in Washington, D.C. Later, he and I visited with EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson shortly after her appointment. He persuasively urged her to place saving the Bay at the top of her national priorities. He has met with governors, senators, congressmen/congresswomen, and leaders of other environmental and business organizations. As a result he has altered the way they think about the environment, energy conservation, and restoration.

Keith was named 2008 Maryland Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Maryland Chapter. He has supported dozens of organizations, most of them environmental, on the East and West coasts and in Hawaii. In 1998, Keith established The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment. Today, the foundation, which is run by his daughter Samantha, is a leading funder of environmental work nationwide. Locally, the foundation




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After a distinguished four years, Keith Campbell is stepping down as Chairman of the CBF Board.

is a founding member of the Bay Funders Network, an innovative collaboration that leverages philanthropy.

Keith began his leadership giving with CBF in 1999 by supporting a new oyster restoration vessel named for his wife Patricia. He subsequently provided the funding to transform our Communications efforts from a supporting program to a lead department designed to educate and encourage citizen action. Keith has been the leading contributor to CBF’s six-year *Saving a National Treasure* campaign that supported all of the organization’s activities.

My personal gratitude to Keith for his friendship and visionary guidance knows no limit. He embodies the best qualities of a leader. All of us at CBF will miss Keith’s leadership as Chairman, but we know that as an Honorary Trustee he will remain fully engaged. CBF and the Bay he loves so much will be the better for it. 

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Keith Campbell energizes the crowd at a CBF rally outside D.C.’s Union Station. On November 20, 2008, hundreds gathered outside the location of the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Executive Committee to demand action on Bay restoration.

# Simon Sidamon-Eristoff

**A**t its January 19th meeting, CBF’s Board of Trustees approved the nomination of Simon Sidamon-Eristoff to serve as the Board’s next Chairman, succeeding Keith Campbell, who had served for the previous four years.

Sidamon-Eristoff joined CBF’s Board in 2003, and has served as a member of the Board’s Executive Committee, Chairman of the Litigation Committee, and member of the *Saving a National Treasure* Campaign Committee.



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