

DIVEHEART RECEIVES \$1000 FOR SCUBA TRAINING OF OHIO VETERAN

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Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition and the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers are pleased to present a contribution of \$1000 to The Diveheart Foundation with the expressed purpose that the donation be used to fund the scuba training of a wounded Ohio veteran. The check was presented to Jim Elliott, President of Diveheart by Roger Roth and Carol Kender, directors of Underwater Images at DEMA, October 22, 2008. The donation represents a portion of proceeds from the Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition 2008.

Underwater Images is an international non-profit corporation registered in the State of Ohio with all proceeds from this competition going to marine conservation, educational, and scholarship purposes. The organization has been in business for 11 years and is managed by a board of directors. Three board members compose the staff of Underwater Images. Mark Beatty, webmaster is the third director.

The Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers was founded in 1959, shortly after the first diving clubs were organized in Ohio. Today, it is one of the oldest scuba diving councils in the country, older than some certification agencies. Ohio Council's mission is to provide a unified voice for Ohio's divers in legislative matters.

The Diveheart Foundation was founded in Early 2001 and is a non-profit tax exempt (501-C3) national organization chartered in the state of Illinois. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational SCUBA diving and snorkeling experience programs that are open to any physically impaired child or adult in the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person.

Awards for winners of the competition were presented in April at ScubaFest 2008, the annual meeting of the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers. Other Underwater Images beneficiaries include Pro Peninsula, Mahonia Na Dari and The Marine Archeological Survey Team in Ohio (MAST).

For further information, about Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition go to uwimages.org. For The Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers go to ocssdi.org.
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