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Cozi Zuehlsdorff and kids inspired by Winter to launch new Inspiration Gallery

Clearwater, FL (July 19, 2016) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) will debut a new exhibit at its downtown facility, Winter’s Dolphin Tale Adventure. The grand opening for “Winter’s Gallery of Hope” will be revealed at on Friday, July 22nd. Media are invited to cover the event.

Winter’s Gallery of Hope is a collection of original letters, pictures, and testimonials from people all over the world who have been inspired by Winter’s journey. From young, aspiring marine biologists to US veterans who have overcome limb loss, guests will be able to immerse themselves in the stories of real people whose lives have been changed at CMA.

A few of these special families will actually be in attendance for the gallery’s debut. Annika “Anni” Emmert, age 11 from California, received a special surprise at CMA last year, when her new 3D-printed arm was delivered to her in the company of dolphins Winter and Hope. Levi Larochelle, age 16, whose autism connection with Winter was featured in the documentary “Winter, the Dolphin that Can”, will also be attending the grand opening.

The gallery is expected to grow as inspiration continues to find its way to Winter’s mailbox. Interactive elements will be gradually incorporated into Winter’s Dolphin Tale Adventure, allowing new guests to share their personal connections with Winter each day.

The grand opening VIP party begins at 12:00pm, with a 12:30pm curtain drop. Media are encouraged to arrive no later than 12:00pm. Cozi Zuehlsdorff, the young actress who played “Hazel Haskett” in the *Dolphin Tale* films, will attend the opening before her guest appearances, also happening at Winter’s Dolphin Tale Adventure.

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin’s story of survival, after the injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, *Dolphin Tale*, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, *Dolphin Tale 2*, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people’s lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.

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