

PRESS RELEASE

Winter the Dolphin announces run (or swim) for the White House

1 million votes will send organ transplant survivor to see Winter

Clearwater Beach, FL (August 19, 2016) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) announced today that its most famous rescued dolphin, Winter, star of the #1 box office hit *Dolphin Tale*, has filed to be a candidate for the President of the United States. Due to the overreaching negativity in the overall electorate, Winter and her party, the 3R Party (also known as the Rescue, Rehab and Release Party), will have a completely positive campaign, and will address key issues that pertain to marine life, the environment, special needs children, and wounded soldiers, all key parts of the CMA mission. Winter will also be announcing a full advisory Cabinet soon.

Since being rescued in December 2005, Winter has defied all odds by surviving and thriving after losing her tail from entanglement in a crab trap rope. Having successfully adapted to a prosthetic tail and becoming a generational inspiring story to millions around the world via the *Dolphin Tale* movies, Winter desires to show the world a new form of positive leadership. With campaign slogans of "*Winter, the Dolphin That Can*", "*Make America Cute Again*" and "*I'm With Winter*", she is in full campaign mode.

Upon reaching the 1 million vote total, CMA has secured sponsorship to fly 21 year-old Stephanie Evans for a repeat visit with her hero, Winter. Evans, of Brownsburg, Indiana, just completed a double kidney-liver transplant and is in recovery. During her multi-year ordeal of waiting for a donor, Stephanie visited Winter every few months as her symptoms improved after each visit. She now wants to make a return visit to complete her healing process.

This is the first time anyone, of any age, from any country, can vote in a U.S. Presidential election. To learn more about this campaign and to vote, Winter fans need to log onto **WinterForPresident.com**. Voters can vote up to ten times per day per device. Change is in the air, and the water!

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Disclaimer: Clearwater Marine Aquarium does not endorse any human candidate for any political office.

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 an 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, another rescued dolphin. 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.