

Clearwater Marine Aquarium and Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa Celebrate New Partnership

Struggling family's dream comes true through Clearwater Beach vacation

Clearwater, FL (March 6, 2019) – Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa and Clearwater Marine Aquarium are partnering to help make a family's dream come true. Nicole Jenne, a single mother of three boys, is taking her children on their first family vacation ever, thanks to wish granting organization B The Difference. Nicole and two of her sons are battling Neurofibromatosis (NF), and have been unable to afford a vacation together, until now. The family met their heroes Winter and Hope the rescued dolphins at Clearwater Marine Aquarium on Wed., March 6.

In 2008 Nicole's youngest son Matthew was diagnosed with NF at 10 months old, which led to her oldest son Jaiden's diagnosis and eventually, Nicole's as well. NF is a disease targeting the nervous system by developing tumors on nerve endings, which has forced the family to spend a lot of time in doctors' offices over the years. Nicole has been unable to afford a family vacation, until being sponsored by the organization <u>B The Difference</u>, a non-profit that provides support to families dealing with NF.

Nicole and her family are vacationing to Clearwater Beach free of charge, staying at the Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, and visited her sons' heroes Winter and Hope the dolphins at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Nicole's oldest son Jaiden (14) has been especially inspired by the Dolphin Tale movies, finding motivation and hope from Winter's story of survival.

The Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa is now a top-tier partner of Clearwater Marine Aquarium and presenting sponsor of CMA's Evening Hours which include the Sundown Special and Tropical Family Cruises. On select dates, CMA offers reduced admission from 4 – 8 p.m. and a fun, family-friendly, tropical boat tour around Clearwater Bay. Guests that bring their evening hours admission stickers to the Hyatt will receive a free kids entrée with the purchase of an adult entrée.

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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 an injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. Major motion picture *Dolphin Tale* (2011) features Winter's story and its sequel *Dolphin Tale* 2 (2014) features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. Through Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute, CMA conducts important global research focused on protecting manatees, right whales and sea turtles. 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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