Diveheart Asks Public To Donate Used Scuba Gear To Raise Funds for Programs

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For four years, Diveheart has been encouraging those who have hung up their old wetsuits, gloves, hoods and neoprene vests to donate them to the nonprofit’s special recycling program. The goal is to turn these items into colorful beverage coasters available for a $5 donation. These donations greatly fund Diveheart’s programs.

Jim Elliott, Diveheart’s founder and president, said the recycling program has netted almost $2,000 in monetary donations.

“Recycling wetsuits and similar items is a wonderful way to be ‘green’ for the environment and a great way to give back to Diveheart,” Elliott said. “Our mission is to build confidence and independence in children, adults and veterans with disabilities through the activity of scuba diving. Your wetsuit or financial donations continue building our programs to where we are branching out to other suburbs here in Illinois and cities throughout the United States.”

Making sure nothing goes to waste, Diveheart also donates the recycled materials to local school art departments to make “scuba art.” Through the nonprofit’s philanthropy activity, students and those enrolled in youth organizations let their imaginations run wild in creating masks, jewelry or abstract pieces which are then offered as fundraising items to benefit Diveheart.

“We’ve raised almost $1,000 from donors.” Elliott said. “We use and repurpose all the gear and nothing goes in a land fill.”

To donate scuba gear, mail or drop off items to Diveheart, 900 Ogden Ave., Suite #274, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515. Elliott recommended for donors to also send contact information and to list all items being donated. Donors will receive a tax donation letter.

For more information about these coasters, call 630-964-1983 or email Diveheart at info@diveheart.org.

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About Diveheart:
Diveheart is a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational scuba diving programs that are open to any child, adult or veteran with a disability, with the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person. We’ve discovered the forgiving weightless wonder of the water column provides the perfect gravity-free environment for those who might otherwise struggle on land. Underwater, we’re all equal. Diveheart works with individuals who have a variety
of disabilities, including physical and developmental disabilities, vision and hearing impairments, amputations, traumatic brain injuries, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and more. Diveheart seeks to help its participants “Imagine the Possibilities” in their lives. For information, visit http://www.diveheart.org.
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