Downers Grove, Illinois-Based Nonprofit Diveheart Wins AABE Award


NAPERVILLE, Ill. (PRWEB) April 04, 2019 -- The Daily Herald Business Ledger’s 29th Annual Awards for Business Excellence recognized the Downers Grove-based Diveheart in the Not-for-Profit Organization category as a 2019 Honoree. The event, held at Northern Illinois University’s (NIU) Naperville Campus, gives these awards in recognition of business achievement, growth and community involvement. Diveheart was among 22 companies and business organizations and nonprofits selected as nominees.

“Diveheart has helped shape the future of scuba therapy for people, not just with disabilities, but all abilities, and it is an honor to be recognized by such an esteemed body of our peers in business,” said Jim Elliott, Diveheart’s founder and president. “Diveheart believes in the power of partnership and our scuba therapy programs reflect that value and this award for business excellence underscores that idea.”

Tinamarie Hernandez, Diveheart’s executive director, added that she is proud of the publication’s recognition of the valuable work and service it does.

“Diveheart is driven by our statement to ‘Imagine the Possibilities,’” she said. “It’s an honor to be recognized for the work we do. Awards like this one helps reinforce to us and others that it is work worth doing.”

Founded in 2001, Diveheart provides educational scuba therapy programs open to any child, adult or veteran with a disability. Through these programs, participants develop confidence and inner strength.

Every year the Daily Herald Business Ledger awards businesses in the suburban Chicagoland area. Individuals, businesses and organizations submitted their nominations in different categories: Small Company (up to 50 Employees), Medium Companies (51-150 Employees), Large Companies (over 150 employees), Business Organization and Economic Development Entity, Architecture and Construction, Educational Institution, Entity or Program, Entertainment/Hospitality Company, Manufacturing, Minority-Owned Business, Innovation in Business, Family Business, Retail, Trade Association/Professional Society and Not-for-Profit. The publication’s editorial staff conducts the judging and selects the companies to receive the honors.

About Diveheart:
Diveheart is a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational scuba therapy 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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