

"The disabled divers that I've had the fortune to dive with are doing something that most people wouldn't think possible for them, and because it isn't easy for them, they have to be deliberate in their actions to accomplish this. I have respect and admiration for disabled divers for simply diving and being explorers and pioneers in this world."

Anthony Diaz

"Diveheart doesn't try to challenge a person with a disability for the sake of challenge. But rather, it gives that person the opportunity to experience some adventure in their life; adventure that can lift their spirit and elevate their soul; making them better at everything they do; that's what Diveheart has done for me"

Daniel Barrett

"Diveheart is the most personally gratifying facet of my scuba diving activities by far! I was so impressed by my initial session as a volunteer it convinced me to incorporate a mandatory Diveheart volunteer session into each of my future PADI Divemaster programs."

Kevin L. Vaughn



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Making Possibilities for Disabilities

The Diveheart Foundation was founded in Early 2001 and is a non-profit tax exempt (501-C3) national organization chartered in the state of Illinois. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational SCUBA diving and snorkeling experience programs that are open to any physically impaired child or adult in the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person.

Building confidence and independence in children and adults with disabilities is the primary mission of the Diveheart Foundation



Through SCUBA diving, snorkeling and related activities the Diveheart Foundation supports and facilitates programs that teach children and adults with disabilities to fly.

Thanks to the “wonder of the water column”, the oceans and lakes of the world become the forgiving weightless environment of outer space, giving perfect buoyancy and balance to a child or adult who might otherwise struggle on land.

It is the “CAN DO” spirit that the Diveheart Foundation hopes to instill in all its participants. Giving them the confidence and independence that allows them to face their own life challenges and overcome barriers that before might have seemed insurmountable.

THE FATHER OF SCUBA DIVING WAS DISABLED ... Scuba is perfect for children and adults with disabilities, allowing them freedom and movement than can be experienced no where else in the world. In Fact, JACQUES COUSTEAU, the father of scuba diving was suffering from a DISABILITY (after a car accident) when he invented scuba. His hopes and dreams of becoming a French fighter pilot where dashed. But his VISION of FLYING UNDERWATER had only just begun.

Diveheart is a volunteer organization, which depends on freewill contributions and fundraising activities to continue its work. We welcome your tax-deductible contributions.

Volunteers are the Lifeblood of **DIVEHEART**

As a DIVEHEART volunteer you can “unleash your creativity” and lend your support in a variety of ways. Here are just a few examples of how you can become a “Friend of DIVEHEART”:

Dive buddy – Certified SCUBA divers can learn to assist disabled divers both in the pool and open water.

Business Friend of DIVEHEART – A variety of businesses already support DIVEHEART through direct financial, product and/or service donations.

Carry & Display DIVEHEART merchandise – Dive shops, retailers and other businesses can agree to display and resell DIVEHEART trademarked merchandise, with all proceeds benefiting the DIVEHEART Foundation.

Event Volunteers – Help out at DIVEHEART Fundraisers, outings and other events and activities.

SCUBA Diving Instructors – get certified to teach students with disabilities.

Friends of DIVEHEART – lend your support through leveraging of resources & personal skills as well as financial support & getting the word out about DIVEHEART through publicity & word of mouth.

**Become a
“Friend of
DIVEHEART”
today!**

