



"Building a Better Industry, One Member at a Time"



Diveheart Conducts Instructor & Buddy Course in Houston, TX

Jim Elliott, President of [Diveheart](#), conducted a five day course in Houston, Texas to teach Scuba Diving Instructors and Divers how to work with people that have physical challenges, using scuba diving as a tool. The one Instructor candidate was certified to teach Handicapped Divers and 5 Buddy Divers were certified to be a Buddy for Handicapped Divers. The course was hosted by Marjorie Young, owner of [Houston Scuba Academy](#). The Diveheart training included 3 days of classroom training, 2 days in the pool and one day in open water. The course was enthusiastically supported by Shriners Hospitals for Children - Houston and the Dive Industry Association.

Lives were changed on Saturday morning when Jim Elliott and his candidates introduced Ana Calvo, Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2009 and Michelle Colvard, Ms. Wheelchair USA 2009 to scuba diving in the pool. These two beautiful women were an absolute inspiration to every one present. Damion Smith from KIAH Television Channel 39 caught the scuba introduction on film and aired it in a special two minute segment that evening. Channel 45, Univision's Jorge Solano and Magdalena Martinez were on hand to interview Jim Elliott and Gene Muchanski.



Diveheart plans to return to Houston in July 2010 for another Instructor and Buddy Course. For more information, contact Jim Elliott, Diveheart, email: info@diveheart.org