



Coral Canyon, eSea Virtual Aquarium ©The Sky Factory

Because of your incredibly generous giving, long-term care residents living with Alzheimer's and dementia at Douglas County Health Center will have reefs and rivers and oceans and lagoons of new friends living alongside them in their neighborhood. Our goal during this year's 24-hour charitable challenge was \$10,000 and our final total shows you helped us raise \$13,187! Thank you.

Each image you saw throughout our campaign were photographic stills of what residents will see in their eSea virtual aquarium. Clown fish, sea nettle jellyfish, blacktail damselfish, anemones, squirrelfish, stag coral, sandbar sharks, copperband butterflyfish and too many other species to list here are included in the aquarium's bountiful underwater environments. Research has shown that elders have reduced physiological stress and increased relaxation response when viewing an aquarium and this can also lead to increased appetite, increased nutrition, calmed behaviors and weight gain. We believe these positive effects will benefit many of our residents and we truly couldn't have achieved the ambitious goal with you.

From the tips of our fins to the tops of our tails, again, thank you for believing in what we do and for supporting long-term care residents who call Douglas County Health Center home.