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HATTERAS HOSTED FIRST-OF-A-KIND CHARITY EVENT Spearfishing Fundraising Event to Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Two organizations driven by passion and determination joined forces for the first fundraiser of its kind during the week of July 18-23. The non-profit organization Diving For A Cause hosted the Hatteras Invitational Spearfishing Event to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Diving for a Cause (DFAC), a charitable organization driven by spearfishermen who share their catch and their unique skills with those in need, leveraged the natural beauty and bounty of Hatteras, NC to raise funds and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's research for a cure. This event was inspired by four-year-old Troy Tosun, the son of an avid local spearfisherman. In 2007, three-month-old Troy was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF). DFAC founder and career Registered Nurse Colleen Gallagher states, "Troy is a beautiful boy who battles CF with his daily medicinal regimen. He is determined to live his life to the fullest, which includes being in the ocean with his dad. What an inspiration to all of us who are so healthy and strong."

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will use funds raised to make a difference in the lives children who, like Troy, live with CF. In this light, a team of divers and even non-divers will collaborate to raise awareness, generate funds and donate fish caught in support of CF. Other supporters include Mark Labocetta of O.M.E.R./Technosport, Inc., and, Dr. Terry Maas with Freedive Recovery Vest, www.oceanicss.com

Diving for a Cause is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2010. In this time, DFAC made a difference in Mexico and Nicaragua by donating food, building community service projects and working with needy children. Learn more about DFAC and future charitable opportunities at www.divingforacause.org.

With the support of a team of spearfishermen, this DFAC Cape Hatteras Spearfishing Invitational for Cystic Fibrosis successfully raised \$14,500 for children who are struggling with this disease. Thank you to Colleen Gallagher, Mark Labocetta and Omer, Dr. Terry Maas, Ryan McInnis, Steven Prater, Brian Kiddy, Amber Gallup, Atil, April and Troy Tosun, Ben Hyson, Kelley Brown, Ben Raffi, Julie Richardson and Divewise, Bobby Kim, Robert Fleury, David Smith, Odillio Angeli, Robert Finley, Alex Wazlak, Jason Gredell, Pat Johnson, Bokyo Antonov, David Nelson, Steven Snyder, and Alper Savas and the community at Hatteras Village for helping us make this such a wonderful event.