



Colleen thanks for your wonderful concept that has created a long term family and memories to last a lifetime. DFAC has impacted our lives in great ways and also gifted us the ability to give to others at the same time. We have traveled with DFAC many times and each time connected with others that now feel like a part of our family. We have been able to do the things we love and help individuals and communities at the same time. Through DFAC's work and your dedication to the cause incredible tasks have been brought to fruition. Books delivered, schools painted, gardens planted, beaches cleaned, communities united. Thanks for bringing your dream to the table and sharing it with all of us. With love and good wishes XO-

Denise and Mike Scaglione





Colleen is one of the most generous and caring person I know. Her generosity is rather contagious. She has the tendency to inspire others around her to be their best. My family and I feel very grateful for Colleen's friendship. We absolutely LOVE her!
Love, Veasna Elstrom



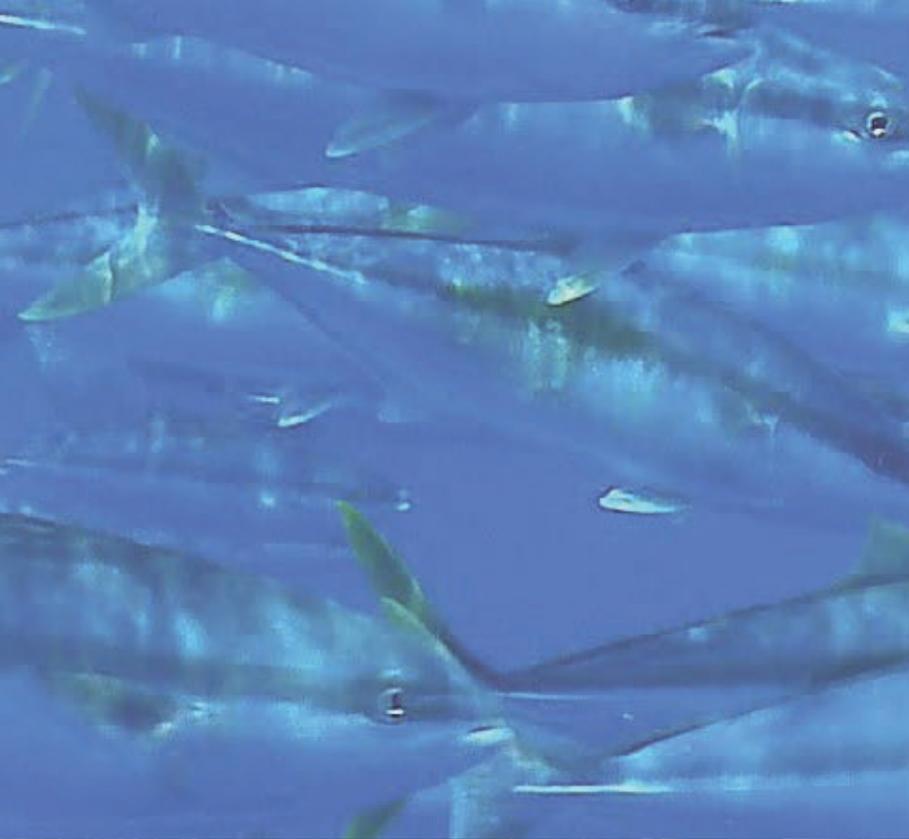
Dear Colleen

Thanks for the time and effort you gave to our World. You're a superstar!! I miss you.

With lots of love,

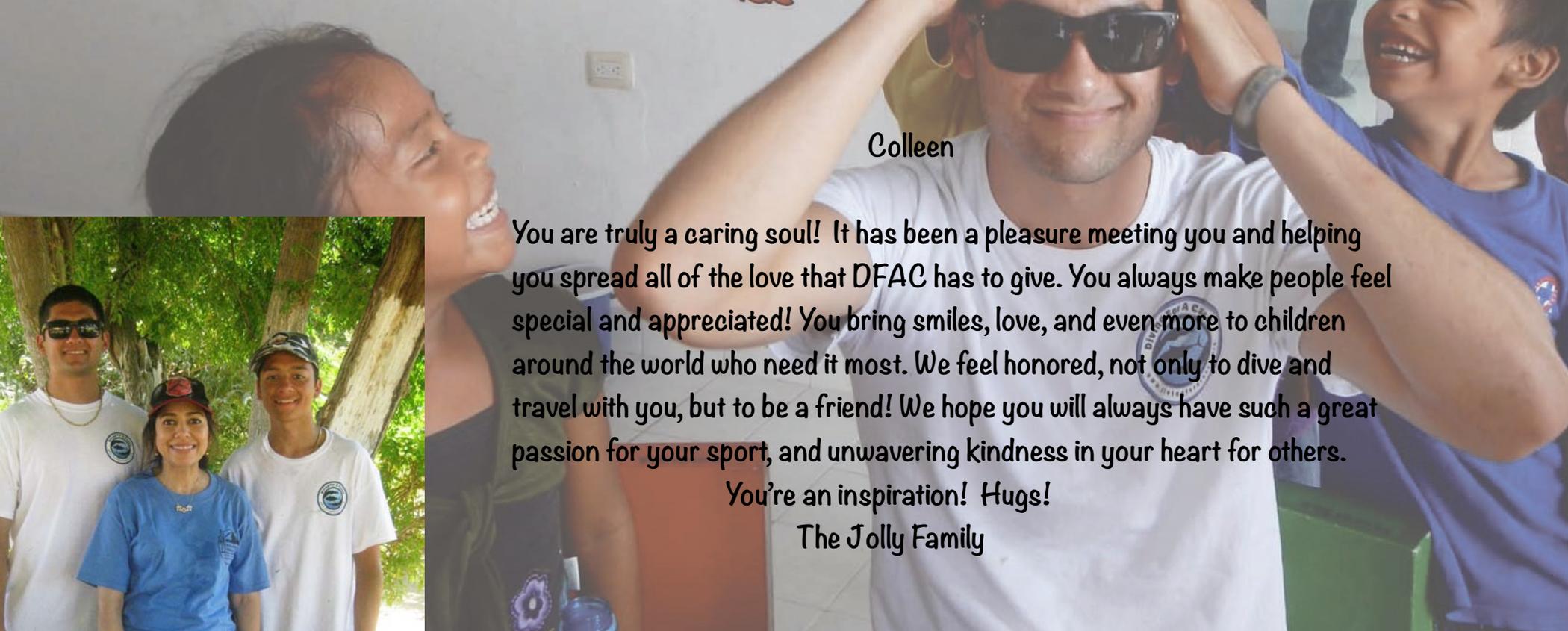
Miho Miyahara





A very special thank you to you Colleen. You were the ambassador to one of my most pleasurable diving experiences to date. You introduced me to an eclectic and wonderful group of divers and non divers that made the trip so unique. The fact that I have maintained contact with many of the members of the group through email and social network sites serves to reinforce the special connections made on the trip. I am looking forward to our next dive adventure.

Mike Grummell.



Colleen

You are truly a caring soul! It has been a pleasure meeting you and helping you spread all of the love that DFAC has to give. You always make people feel special and appreciated! You bring smiles, love, and even more to children around the world who need it most. We feel honored, not only to dive and travel with you, but to be a friend! We hope you will always have such a great passion for your sport, and unwavering kindness in your heart for others.

You're an inspiration! Hugs!

The Jolly Family





DFAC was such a pleasure to have come visit us in New Zealand. Thank You Colleen for putting together such a great organization that can make a positive difference around the world. We wish you the best success in your future adventures.

Joe, Kura, and Whanau





I first met Colleen at The BlueWild in Fort Lauderdale. She was helping Sheri Daye with the set up etc as was I. She mentioned the idea to me behind DFAC and asked me what I thought. I told her it could work in some countries and that she would never know unless she gave it a go, and just see what interest she got first time round. Well we all know what kind of interest she got because DFAC is surging ahead and a great success and a massive credit to her for the amount of time and effort she puts in to it. She has developed a large circle of friends to help her out which is just fantastic. I'm even bringing my mum to Mexico MagBay in a month or so time (she is a nurse ready to retire "lololol") and I am sure she will love it too. I got to see the nature of those involved earlier this year in NZ. What a great bunch of like minded people the DFAC participants are. I truly can't wait until next time. Colleen and DFAC are doing a little bit of good in the world, which we could use far more in these current times.



Cheers
Ray Powell



At school I got an assignment to describe the best person outside of my family I have ever known. It was a difficult task at the time, but if I got the same assignment right now I would not think twice. The best person I ever know is Colleen Gallagher.

I am sure many students from different countries will not have this problem as they know the big heart Colleen has and her passion to make a difference in their lives. It is amazing how Colleen managed to create a team environment in the otherwise competitive sport of spearfishing and how she managed to find the right way to help people in need with the excess of our fishing efforts. I am sure there are many stories that can further confirm my words. I can only say THANK YOU Colleen for all you are doing, for all your dedicated work and for your passion!

Boyko Antonov PhD





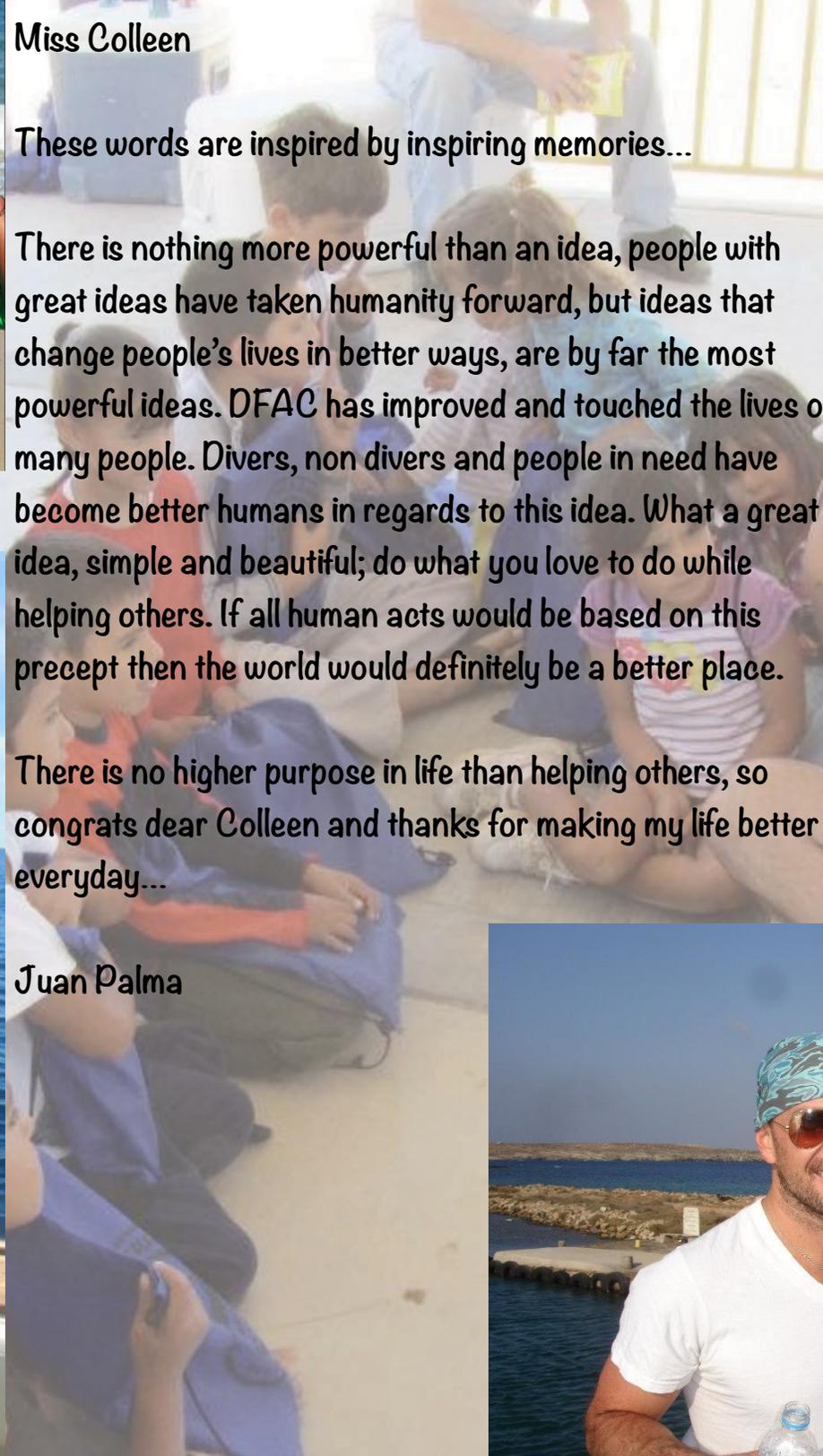
Miss Colleen

These words are inspired by inspiring memories...

There is nothing more powerful than an idea, people with great ideas have taken humanity forward, but ideas that change people's lives in better ways, are by far the most powerful ideas. DFAC has improved and touched the lives of many people. Divers, non divers and people in need have become better humans in regards to this idea. What a great idea, simple and beautiful; do what you love to do while helping others. If all human acts would be based on this precept then the world would definitely be a better place.

There is no higher purpose in life than helping others, so congrats dear Colleen and thanks for making my life better everyday...

Juan Palma





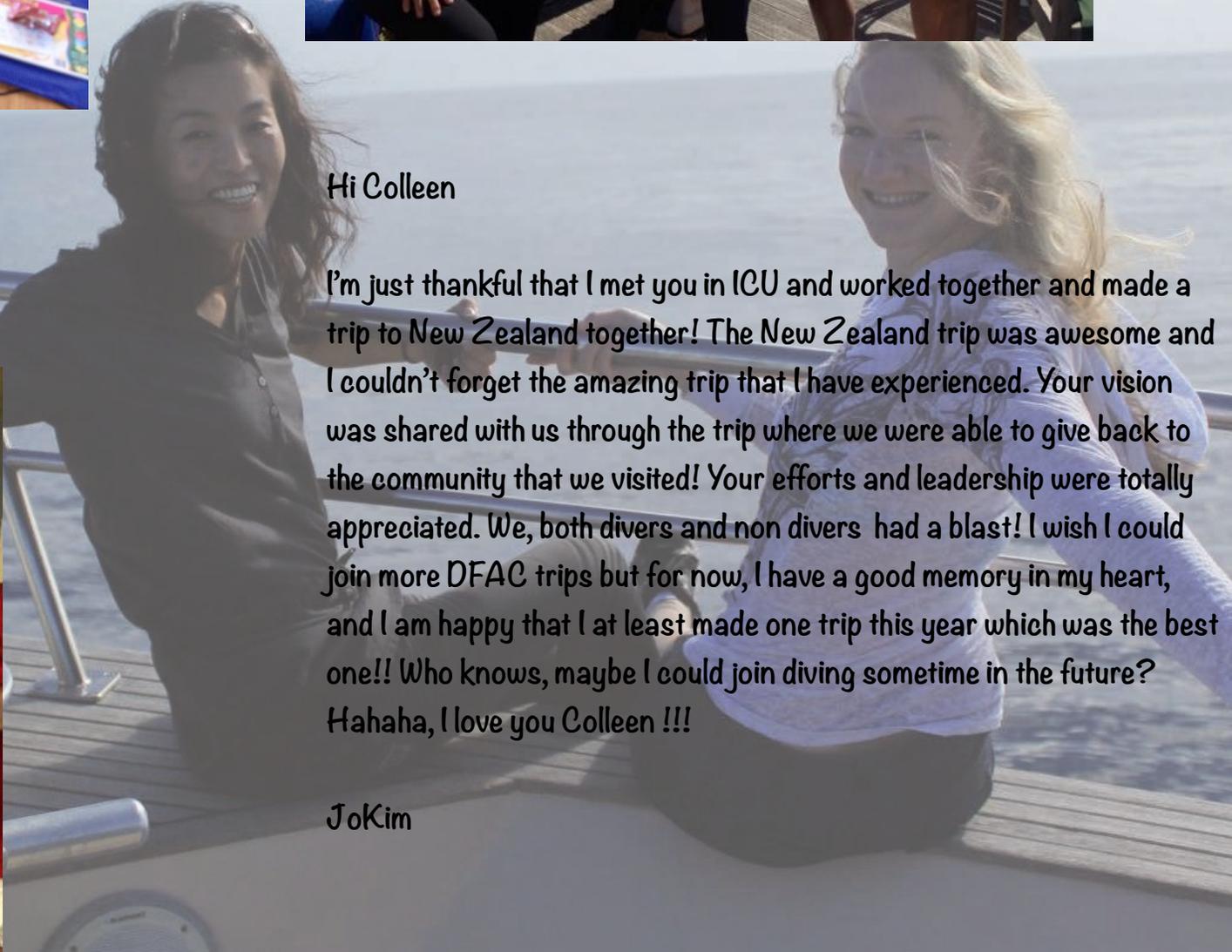
Colleen

The timing for you telling me about DFAC was perfect! I had just been telling my friends how much I missed the ocean life and was looking for a way to help people outside of the hospital, a way to give to those in need. After visiting your house and seeing your marlin photo, I knew I had to go on one of these trips. So off to New Zealand we went where I did my first dive and was able to spear a fish on my birthday! It was such an amazing experience to be part of a group of individuals from all over the world who all came together for a common cause of giving back and enjoying what they do. I have been on several trips with DFAC now and I just love the people we meet, they are like family to me now. Seeing the kids and the people who are so grateful for what we bring to them is heartwarming. Thank you so much for introducing me to such an awesome community and for being a great example of selfless love for others. I cannot wait to do another trip with you soon!

Love

Shannon Truax

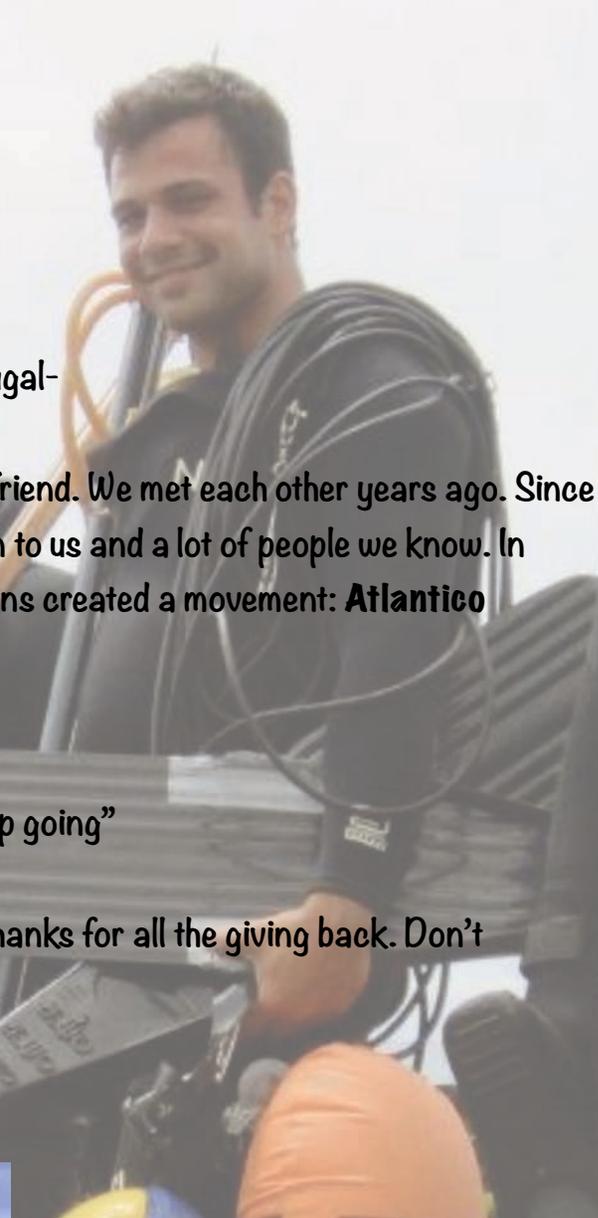




Hi Colleen

I'm just thankful that I met you in ICU and worked together and made a trip to New Zealand together! The New Zealand trip was awesome and I couldn't forget the amazing trip that I have experienced. Your vision was shared with us through the trip where we were able to give back to the community that we visited! Your efforts and leadership were totally appreciated. We, both divers and non divers had a blast! I wish I could join more DFAC trips but for now, I have a good memory in my heart, and I am happy that I at least made one trip this year which was the best one!! Who knows, maybe I could join diving sometime in the future? Hahaha, I love you Colleen !!!

JoKim



David de Carvalho and Tania Teixeira, from Portugal-

“We have had the chance to have Colleen as our friend. We met each other years ago. Since then, her work with DFAC has been an inspiration to us and a lot of people we know. In Portugal, many clubs and spearfishing associations created a movement: **Atlantico Solidario** inspired on the DFAC concept. Keep on going Colleen-we Love you!”

Atlantico Solidario-“Thanks for the example, keep going”

Absolute Blue-“ You’re a great person Colleen, Thanks for all the giving back. Don’t change!”





Katerina Topouzoglou-Mykonos

"I love to host DFAC in Mykonos and give back to our community together! Love you my friend, you motivate and inspire!"





“The success of DFAC stems from Colleen’s compassion and empathy, which has crossed-over from her nursing career. I have been witness to this spirit since 2010 when my husband Atil & I read about DFAC’s philanthropic trips via social media. As the parents of a child with the rare disease Cystic Fibrosis, we held fundraisers annually and were planning a spearfishing event in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Atil reached out to Colleen and in November 2010 we had our first meeting in Virginia Beach. We partnered with DFAC to raise money through spearfishing, and Colleen used the leveraging force of the internet to promote the event. Since 2011, DFAC has held events in North Carolina, the Bahamas, and Texas to raise money to fund scientific research to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. DFAC has made freedivers/spearfishers ambassadors of change, bringing much needed awareness to Cystic Fibrosis. On the other hand of the spectrum are the people with Cystic Fibrosis who are introduced to freediving/spearfishing with its benefit of salt water, sea air, and exercise. Our deepest thanks to Colleen for spearheading this partnership”

Atil, April and Troy Tosun



HELPING HANDS ON LAND



AND FROM THE SEA



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ARE THE BEST SOUVENIRS OF ALL







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