

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT by Beate Litz & Kirsten Sedlick

Does volunteering at a smelly red barn, working to help non-compliant patients and teaching children sound like a great way to spend every Saturday morning? For Kathy Teulie, our Saturday morning education volunteer, she hasn't seemed to mind not even the fishiest of smells or the most mischievous of children. We have had the pleasure of her kind and gentle company since 1996.

Kathy started volunteering prior to our formal Education Department and has stuck by our side through changing times. Her dedication and dependability on such a busy day of the week for both education programs and visitors has been key to increasing public awareness of the marine environment.

"Kathy has been vital to the success of the weekend education programs. Without her, we would not be able to offer this highly coveted day for presentations to literally thousands of children and adults. We are forever grateful to her," states Beate Litz, Education Director. Not only has her presence been important to visitors, but also to the animal care crew she has worked side-by-side with for nearly eight years.

"Kathy always makes a point to provide visitors with up-to-date information about our patients. She is truly the public face of our Saturday crew," states Michele Hunter, Director of Operations.

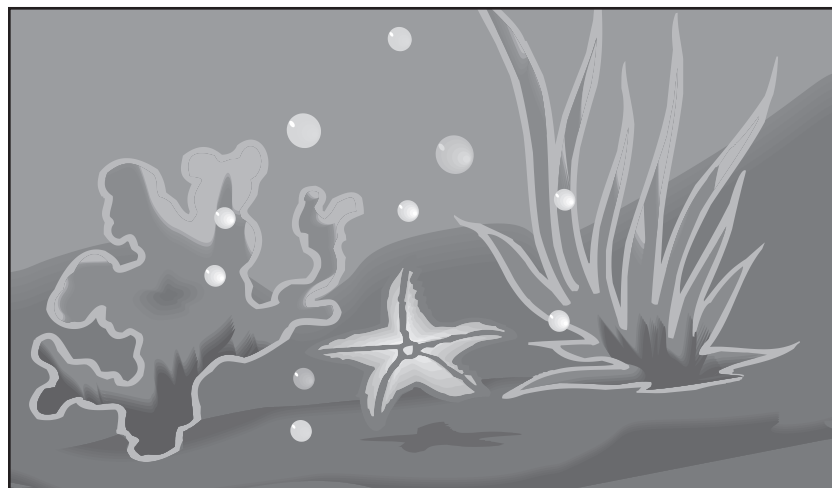
She puts the minds of her animal care counterparts at ease, knowing visitors will be attended to. With the steady stream of visitors taken care of, our animal care team is able to devote their attention solely to the marine mammal patients in our care.

"Kathy has a deep love for the ocean and it's inhabitants. Through her teaching, Kathy has touched the hearts of many children of all ages," expresses Kirsten Sedlick, Education Coordinator.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and marine mammal patients we would like to thank Kathy for sharing her passion and touching the lives and hearts of those of us that work with her.



Kathy Teulie



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