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Shining the Spotlight on Our Incredible Sponsors and Attendees: Thank You for Making Splash 2023 at Success!

Laguna Beach, CA – Pacific Marine Mammal Center, PMMC, would like to express its sincere gratitude to the generous sponsors, guests and volunteers who made our annual fundraising event, Splash, a resounding success, their commitment to our cause is truly commendable.

Sunday, November 5, Festival of Arts was transformed into **“Every drop makes a big Splash!”** An extraordinary evening that brought together more than 220 friends of PMMC to raise more than \$550,000 in much needed funds and support. We are proud to have these outstanding sponsors, advocates, and friends:



Jeff Meberg, Pacific Marine Mammal Center, Chairman of the Board, welcomes guests to Splash.

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Daniela Moore and Gabriella Dunlap enjoy the champagne welcome.

Our guests were welcomed with champagne and a signature cocktail compliments of The Isle of Harris Gin. Following the cocktails and silent auction, the very entertaining Zack Crone took the stage and whipped up bidders into a competitive live auction all the while our guests enjoyed the culinary delights of local chef, Leo Bongarro. The evening culminated with a sultry, live performance from vocalist Marissa Matthews, accompanied by pianist Andrew Weidlein, who beckoned all into the underwater after-party, where marine life swam overhead. The guests danced the night away and enjoyed delectable desserts celebrating the sweet success of the evening.

One-of-a-kind live auction prizes included a Lifeguard dinner meet and greet donated by The Ranch at Laguna Beach and the Laguna Beach Lifeguard Association, a Waste Management Phoenix Open package, private jet experience courtesy of Set Jet, a custom surfboard by legendary Duke Aipa, and other priceless experiences of an on-field “Steal Third” from Angels Baseball Foundation!



The Legendary Duke Aipa presenting his custom surfboard with help from Zack Crone.



A few of the evening’s noteworthy events were the public acknowledgment of two extraordinary acts of generosity toward our capital campaign. The first is a \$1 million pledge from the Massen Greene Foundation for a new expanded education building. And the equally impactful announcement was a \$1 million gift from the estate of a long-time friend of PMMC, Bob Barker. Future guests of the PMMC will enjoy the Bob Barker Visitor Center and Underwater Viewing Pool and the Massen Greene Educational Center.

Another exciting reveal was our two new rescue trucks. A Ford F250 donated by Theodore Robins Ford, and a Ford F150 gifted to us by Jay Longley, founder of Rainbow Sandals Foundation. Both trucks are equipped with lift gates, extra lights to assist in nighttime rescues, and beautifully wrapped with our logo and those of the two donors.

These sponsors and guests went above and beyond to make Splash a memorable and impactful occasion. Their contributions provided the necessary resources and support that enabled us to create such a memorable night.



Sammy the sea lion with the Ford F250 donated by Theodore Robins Ford.

“What an exciting night at Splash, the PMMC annual fundraiser far exceeded our expectations! Great fun and great energy! Thank all of you that attended to lead to our success. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next event!” said Jeff Meberg, Pacific Marine Mammal Center, Chairman of the Board



Glenn Gray, PMMC CEO highlighting the Center's mission.

PMMC extends a heartfelt thank you for believing in our cause and contributing to the success of Splash. Your partnership enables us to continue our important work and make a lasting impact on the marine mammals and coastal community we serve.

For further information about PMMC and our upcoming initiatives, please visit our website at www.pacificmmc.org or follow us on social media @pacificmmc.

About the PMMC

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education, and collaboration. The only center in Orange County, California, licensed to rescue, rehabilitate, and release marine mammals that strand on local beaches. PMMC is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Tax-ID #: 95-3680896

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Guests Enjoying the Night

