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Protect Center Launches Limited-Edition "Fill the Tank" Merchandise to Fuel Dolphin Hospital Construction

The Protect Center's Fill the Tank campaign is a summerlong community effort to raise the remaining funds needed to complete its new Dolphin ICU Tank, a lifesaving facility designed to rescue and rehabilitate sick or injured dolphins and whales in the Florida Keys.

Limited-edition tank tops, t-shirts, and tote bags are now available for purchase at The Protect Center in Islamorada, at The Connect Center (31 Corrine Place) in Key Largo, and online at connecttoprotect.org/tank. Sales from these items are fully earmarked for the \$56,000 effort, with sights set on completing the full campaign by September 1, when the Protect Center hopes to have the new tank "filled."

The campaign goal represents a dollar for each of the 56,000 gallons that the new rehabilitation tank will hold. At 40-feet in diameter and 6 feet tall, the pool will have the capacity to support multiple dolphins - or even small whales - as they recover and prepare for release back into Florida Keys waters.

But Nancy Cooper, President of the non-profit organization that holds the license to respond to whales and dolphins in the Florida Keys states: "We never know when a dolphin will strand or become orphaned - and we can't afford for the tank not to be completed and filled. This isn't just a campaign; it's a race against time. And now, our community can help simply by wearing their support."

While most of the tank's funding is already secured, the final phase of construction hangs in the balance. Delays could have life-or-death consequences for a marine mammal in need of care. Cooper notes that the project - now more than two years in the making - has weathered struggles, yet the team has remained focused on one vision: being ready when the next dolphin needs them.

"You often hear the phrase 'it takes a village,' and when it comes to building this dolphin hospital, that couldn't be more true. It's going to take all of us - a community united - to bring this across the finish line," says Art Cooper, the head responder

and dolphin aficionado. Cooper has been rescuing whales & dolphins in the Florida Keys for over 30 years. "This campaign is about readiness, resilience, and the power of community."

The new merchandise features bold, fun designs that bring awareness to the Protect Center's purpose. In the first week of the campaign, over 60 tanks, tees, and totes were sold - filling the tank over 2,000 gallons! Now, Cooper says the race is on to meet the Labor Day deadline and not stall construction.

The Fill the Tank campaign culminates in a Labor Day weekend celebration on September 1. To celebrate, a "Labor [day] of Love!" celebration is planned, an open-house-style event that will feature facility tours, food, museum admission, a ribbon cutting, and what Cooper hints will be "a whale of an announcement." With strong momentum and commu-



nity support, the team hopes to announce that the tank is fully funded - and full of salt water - by the time the first guests arrive.

The limited-edition tank tops, shirts, and bags are available while supplies last. Those wishing to support the campaign without purchasing can make direct contributions at connecttoprotect.org/tank.

About The Protect Center:

The Protect Center is located at 82748 Overseas Highway in Islamorada and is open to the public seven days a week from 10am - 5pm. The Protect Center will be, at it's core, a federally licensed whale and dolphin hospital offering short and long term rehabilitative care to sick, injured, and orphaned dolphins and small whales. Beyond acting as a hospital, The Protect Center is home to the "Exploratorium" a 2,000 sq.ft. interactive museum space featuring aquariums, wildlife, and exhibits and the Pearse Education Lab, a dedicated classroom space for school groups, seminars, meetings, and special events. Additionally, the Protect Center offers guests a sustainable gift shop for ocean-themed souvenirs and eco-friendly gifts.



Merchandise sales are now open as Protect Center races toward the September 1st goal.