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In this newsletter is an article on how OSO engages 4th - 6th grade youth in ocean science and stewardship. The study measured the results of surveys of students administered before and after the program as well as the results of surveys completed by parents. OSO's involvement in the program, and cross-analyzed them to determine what drove the change in the participating students. We are pleased that OSO's involvement in the program was effective at increasing student's connection to the ocean, as well as their understanding of the ocean's role in our daily lives. Repeatedly, students stated that the ocean means life to us all. All living things, from the smallest microorganisms to the largest whales, depend on the ocean for their survival. The ocean provides us with food, recreation, and a sense of wonder and awe. It is a source of inspiration and a reminder of our place in the world. OSO's mission is to provide a foundation for future generations to understand and appreciate the ocean and its importance to our planet.

The ocean is a major source of food globally and the foundation for the world's fresh water supply. A portion of the global economy depends on the ocean for commerce, transportation, recreation, and tourism.

The ocean plays a leading role in the Earth's climate and weather patterns. And some even recognize it as a source of happiness when experiencing time in, on, or near the ocean.

As of today, O'Neill Sea Odyssey has provided 96,868 students with a robust educational program to foster awareness of the ocean, environmental stewardship, and ocean literacy. This is achieved by delivering an immersive curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving through a multidisciplinary approach that includes science, geography, and mathematics. As we continue our campaign over the next several months, we invite you to join us in our mission to ensure that the next generation of ocean protectors will be prepared to face the challenges of a changing ocean.

To learn more about OSO’s Community Foundation’s gift annuity program, please contact Dan Haifley at dhaifley@oneillseaodyssey.org.

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You’re part of the reason we’re here and you can also be there.

Our experience shows that education is key to ensuring that more people not only care about the ocean but also take action to protect it. OSO is dedicated to providing children with the opportunity to learn about ocean science and environment in a hands-on, interactive way. OSO Sea Odyssey will need support in the future years in order to keep doing its program, and you have made a big difference.

Since the start of our campaign in celebration of OSO’s 21st anniversary, we have received support from numerous supporters including donors, teachers, students, and colleagues. We are grateful for your support, and we encourage you to continue supporting us in our work.

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